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## REDS ADVANCE ON SHANGHAI

### Russia Aiding The Chinese Communists

Lake Success, April 24.  
The British Intelligence Service has received reliable reports to have received copies of captured orders and papers showing that Russia is aiding the Chinese Communists.  
The papers show clear co-operation between Moscow and the Chinese Communists.  
Some United Nations sources said that if these documents are backed with sufficient evidence, they can be a basis for a complaint by the Chinese Nationalist Government against Russia in the Security Council.  
The Chinese delegation held an extraordinary caucus yesterday at which the reports were discussed, but there is no sign of any change in the "wait and see" policy adopted by the delegation.  
United Nations observers explain that there is nothing that can be done in the United Nations about the war in China on the basis of present information.  
Western delegates said privately that while nothing can be done, incidents involving the British war vessels on the Yangtze River will undoubtedly cause Britain and the United States to re-examine their whole policy towards China. — Associated Press.

### Amazing Version Of River Attack

Shanghai, April 24.  
The Communist radio today said: "The British imperialist Navy joined hands with the Kuomintang reactionaries to challenge the People's Liberation Army, and directly participated in China's civil war by firing at nine Chinese Red positions."

"The British should be fully responsible for the losses suffered. The Chinese Communists defeated the joint Naval attack of the Kuomintang and British imperialist Navy during a river-crossing battle around Chinkiang and Kiangyin."

The Peiping radio said the battle started on Wednesday morning during an attack on a Kuomintang bridgehead on the North bank of the Yangtze.

"Just at that moment two 'enemy' warships from the East opened fire to halt the crossing of the Chinese Communists." It said the Communists returned the fire, hitting one vessel which subsequently sank with the other steaming Westwards. It said the latter was "half sunk" near Chinkiang.

The Chinese radio account of the battle continued: "Then an ally enemy war vessel, steaming Eastward from Chinkiang, reached the spot and opened fire." (The "half-sunk" vessel was presumably HMS Amethyst.) Another steaming Eastward was presumably Consort.

The Communist version said: "In the forenoon of April 21 (Thursday) two more enemy vessels came from the East." These were most probably the cruiser, London, and the destroyer, Black Swan, coming to the assistance of the stricken Amethyst.

"This time the People's Liberation Army fired on them first in order to keep them off. Both were hit and sailed toward Kiangyin. It was this 'victory' over the enemy vessels that enabled the Chinese Reds to cross the river on a large scale on Thursday afternoon," the radio declared.

"Traitorous Act"  
The Communist version continued: "When the Liberation Army soldiers exchanged fire with five enemy war vessels, several other nearby vessels took part though their part was less owing to the powerful fire of the Liberation Army."

### The Weather

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) a complex low pressure area covering Japan and the Sea of Japan is moving SW. The associated trough extends SW across the lower Yangtze to a stationary depression over SW China. Pressure is relatively high over NW China and in a ridge extending from E of Luzon to the China Sea.

Today's Forecast—Light or moderate SW winds. Continuing fine and warm, some early morning mist.

Yesterday's Weather—  
Maximum 82.4 deg. F. Min. 70.4 deg. F. Wind Force 1 to 2 mph. Rainfall 11.8 hours.  
Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—124.3 mm.—33.5 in. as against an average of 242.0 mm.—9.5 in.

### APPEALS TO CHIANG AND LI

Canton, April 24.  
Senior Kuomintang officials here last night requested Chiang Kai-shek, whose present whereabouts are still unknown, and the Acting President, Li Tsung-jen, now "resting" in Kweilin, to come to Canton and lead the party and the Government in the war against the Communists.

The request was made in a telegram from the officials sent to the two Kuomintang leaders following a prolonged conference, in the course of which plans for continued war against the Reds were discussed.

Informed Kuomintang sources said that Chiang Kai-shek, who has just returned to Chikow from a secret meeting with Kuomintang generals, possibly in Shanghai, is expected in Canton shortly, while Li Tsung-jen is due to come to the Southern capital tomorrow.

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### Surprising Speed Of Communist Drive After Fall Of Nanking DEFENCE OF CITY DOUBTFUL

SHANGHAI TODAY LIES IN NO MAN'S LAND AS THE COMMUNIST LIGHTNING THRUST ACROSS THE YANGTSE RIVER AT THE HEART OF CHINA IN THE SHANGHAI - NANKING AREA ENTERED ITS THIRD DAY, AND, WHILE THE COMMUNIST GARRISON FORCES ARE MARCHING INTO NANKING, COMMUNIST SPEARHEADS MORE THAN 100 MILES EAST ARE STRIKING IN THREE DIRECTIONS TO ISOLATE SHANGHAI.

SHANGHAI, APRIL 24.  
STRATEGIC ROAD AND RAILWAY JUNCTIONS AT CHANGSHU, 60 MILES NORTH WEST OF SHANGHAI, AND SOOCHOW, 60 MILES WEST, FELL IN THE LAST 12 HOURS TO GENERAL CHEN YI'S COMMUNIST FORCES WHICH STRUCK ACROSS THE YANGTSE 60 HOURS EARLIER AT TWO VIRTUALLY UNDEFENDED POINTS.

From Changshu one column is believed to be heading South East on the vital road and railway junction at Nanxiang, 20 miles East of this metropolis of 6,000,000 inhabitants—Nationalist China's financial capital and the fourth largest city in the world.

One unconfirmed report says that the Reds are at Kiating, within four miles of Nanxiang. No important Nationalist resistance is expected at Nanxiang, the fall of which is expected within 24 hours.

Communist moves after the occupation of Nanxiang will indicate whether they intend to continue to race South to smash the withdrawing Nationalist formations, or will advance on and surround Shanghai and engage the small garrison here.

Another force, which entered Soochow this morning, is said to be striking East towards Kunshan, 25 miles away and which is being hurriedly evacuated.

Trains are not running further West than Kunshan, on the road and railway junction from Soochow to the major strategic junction 50 miles due South at Kashing.

Military observers say that if Kashing falls, the Nationalist evacuation by all available land routes will be cut off.

All available reports, however, indicate that the Communists' swift and extensive trap to bottle up the Nationalist forces retreating from the Yangtze South bank will snap close too late.

Reports from Hangchow say that the Nationalist commander of the Nanking-Shanghai area, General Tang En-po, has established his new headquarters at the provincial capital of Chekiang, 100 miles South West of Shanghai.

New Lines  
Reports from Hangchow further say that the Nationalist Fourth and 51st armies have retreated successfully by rail from the lower Yangtze to Hangchow.

Certain elements of these military formations are being sent further South to Canton for re-organisation. Other forces are deploying in Chekiang and Kiangsi Provinces along a new Nationalist defence line running from Ningpo through Hangchow to Nanchang.

On the Western extremity of this line at Nanchang, unconfirmed reports say that the forces that had evacuated Nationalist defensive positions on the Yangtze South West of Nanking with headquarters at Wuhu are heading in the direction of Kiangsi, the provincial capital, for deployment along the new line.

There are no reports about the progress of Communist General Chen Keng's forces which last night were said to have made another crossing of the Yangtze at Kuikiang and which were reported to be heading South along the 100-mile stretch of the railway toward Nanchang.

Forward field headquarters of the Nationalists in the Eastern sector of the Shanghai-Nanking-Hangchow area early today succeeded in evacuating Soochow and have established new positions at Sungkiang, about 35 miles South West of Shanghai. They are said to be organising local Nationalist militia forces for the next stand against the Communists South of Shanghai.

Shanghai Tense  
South of Sungkiang, Communist guerrillas are reported to be active in the coastal district of the North shore of Hangchow Bay. In their expected attack on new Nationalist defensive positions, the Communists are expected to face past Shanghai and strike South East at Sungkiang.

Chinese banks are calling in all loans and many firms are paying off their staff.  
Police and military still maintain a firm grip on the city and there is little disorder.  
The garrison ordered a further extension of the curfew by making it apply from 10 p.m. to 5.30 a.m.  
Extra armed guards have been placed at vital points. Government offices, banks and business houses are busy moving archives to places of safety.  
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### U.S. Moves Cruisers To The Far East

Pearl Harbour, April 24.  
The U. S. heavy cruiser St Paul and light cruiser Manchester will sail from Pearl Harbour for China on April 30 Pacific Fleet Headquarters report.  
The cruisers will carry 700 U.S. Marines. They are members of the Seventh Battalion. They will relieve the Third Marines, based at the Whangpo River at Shanghai.  
The cruisers will relieve the light cruisers Pradone and Springfield, now at Western Pacific stations.  
The relief, at the climax of the Chinese civil war, will place two additional large warships at the disposal of the U. S. Western Pacific Commander in case of emergency.  
The Manchester and St. Paul are due to reach Pearl Harbour on April 28 and sail for China two days later.  
Four destroyers will accompany the cruisers.  
The Pacific Fleet Command says that under State Department instructions, it can not disclose the deployment of warships already in the Far East. — Associated Press.

### Britons To Stay Put In Shanghai

London, April 24.  
The British authorities have arranged to evacuate about 4,000 Britons from Shanghai but there has been no decision to carry out the plan, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

No suggestions to leave have been made to British subjects, he added.  
"Our policy has been to leave such decisions to the authorities on the spot," the spokesman said.

He added that it will be the practice to keep British consular officials at their posts in China even in Communist-occupied regions in which they are stationed.  
Several such consular officials now "behind the lines" are in communication with London through Peiping. They have been instructed to get in touch with competent Communist authorities and try to arrange for British war vessels on the Yangtze river to carry out their missions, but all consular officials have reported that up to now they have been unable to establish contact with Communist leaders.

There is still hope that Edward Houde, secretary of the British Embassy at Nanking, who has gone out in search of responsible Communist leaders, will be able to arrange a safe passage down the river for the vessels.

In some Government quarters it believed that the chances of arranging a safe passage would be improved if the Communists gain firm control of both banks of the river. There would be no basis then for suspicions that the purpose of the British vessels is to take part in the military operations on the Nationalist side. — Associated Press.

MACARTHUR ON U.S. EVACUATION  
Tokyo, April 24.  
General Douglas MacArthur has pledged to assist in the evacuation of American nationals from China if necessary.

In response to an Associated Press query, General MacArthur's headquarters said in a statement: "The evacuation of American nationals from China is a responsibility of the Commander of Naval Forces, Western Pacific."

"He has been effecting this evacuation during the recent months as the situation required." "The Commander in Chief, Far East, has assisted him on call and is prepared to continue this assistance as necessary upon request." — Associated Press.

TROOPS DIGGING IN AT CANTON  
New York, April 24.  
An American Trans-Radio report said today that Chinese Nationalist troops are digging in around Canton as the Government prepares to defend the Southern provinces. — Reuter.

Nanking, April 24.  
Three Nationalist B-25 bombers flew over Nanking this afternoon but no bombs were dropped.

The Communists fired anti-aircraft and machine-guns. — United Press.

Canton, April 24.  
The Premier, Ho Ying-chin, declared on arrival here this afternoon that the seat of Government will remain in Shanghai for the time being, but he left open the question of a possible Government refuge if Shanghai falls to the Communists.

General Ho stated definitely that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek will not give up his job (he is still head of the KMT Party), but at the same time said the Generalissimo will not resume control of powers but will remain in retirement.

The Premier refused to reveal the present whereabouts of Generalissimo Chiang. He said: "When I left the Generalissimo this afternoon he was in Chikow."

General Ho denied a plan by the Government to remove General Pai Chung-hai's troops South for the defence of Canton. — United Press.

San Francisco, April 24.  
The Chinese Communist Radio announced tonight that Talyuan, capital of Shensi Province, was captured today after a five-hour battle. — Reuter.

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# ANZAC DAY CEREMONY HELD AT CENOTAPH

## Reminders

### Today

Women's Section, European YMCA, Committee meeting, 10.45 a.m.  
Presentation to Sir Robert Ho Tung, at Tung Wah Hospital, 10.30 a.m.  
Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.  
Lecture on Spanish Painting by the Rev. Fr. T. Tyan, PRO, lecture room, 5.30 p.m.  
Women's Guild meeting, St. Andrew's Church, in Vicarage, 10 a.m.  
Referees monthly meeting, HKFA Office, Prince's Bldg., 7.30 p.m.

### Coming Events

**TOMORROW**  
HK Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "St. George and the Dragon" by Mr. H. G. W. Woodhead, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.  
Urban Council meeting, GPO building, 4.15 p.m.  
Bridge Drive European YMCA, 8 p.m.  
Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., annual meeting, Docks office, HK Bank Bldg., 11 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Legislative Council meeting, 2.30 p.m.  
Hong Kong Art Club, monthly exhibition, St. John's Cathedral hall, 10 a.m.  
Annual Dinner of Literary and Debating Group, European YMCA, 8 p.m.  
Tee H Club meeting, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

**THURSDAY**  
Y's Men's Club luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.  
Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.  
HK Art Club, monthly exhibition, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m.  
Union Church, Ladies Guild meeting, Netherlands Hospital, 3.30 p.m.

**FRIDAY**  
Special Services Dance, European YMCA, West Lounge, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.  
Women's Section, European YMCA, Around the Magazine meeting, 10 a.m.  
Lawn Tennis Association, annual general meeting, Lo Jai's office, Alexandria Bldg., 5.15 p.m.

## Returning To Shanghai

Despite the fact that the Communist armies are only a stone's throw from Shanghai, more than 40 Shanghai-bound liners left the Colony for the Northern metropolis on ss. President Wilson.

The APL liner left yesterday with 105 passengers for Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco.

Among the passengers for San Francisco were Mr. Pawhutan Miller Baber, Mr. Thomas Liu Chan, Mrs. Barbara W. Cherrill, Mr. F. P. Fietz, Miss. Betty Ann Garmett, Mr. Walter C. Isenberg Jr., Mrs. Rosa Yu Shang-lung Kwok, Mrs. Marion Liddell and Mr. Stewart Lee Smith.

In memory of the fighting men of Australia and New Zealand who died during the landing at Gallipoli 34 years ago on April 25, a solemn and inspiring ceremony was held at the Cenotaph at 10 a.m. yesterday—Anzac day.

Prayers were offered by the Right Reverend Monsignor A. Feroldi, Roman Catholic Vicar-General, who conducted the service, and the Reverend G. Hatt-Lipscomb, who also read the Recessional.

After the hymn, "Abide with me," was played, wreaths were laid in the following order: Anzac Wreath—Mr. C. de Sallie, Robertson, MM, ED, and Mr. R. Wild, Australian Government Trade Commissioner, Mr. H. Wrigley, CBE, MC, ED, Agent for the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand, Mr. S. T. Williamson, Heads of the Services—Air Commodore, A. D. Davis, CBE, Commodore C. L. Robertson, RN, and Brigadier A. de Bury, MC, CBE, DSO, United Kingdom Trade Commissioner, Mr. W. P. Montgomery, Canadian Government Trade Commissioner, Mr. K. F. Noble, Consular Corps, Commandant HKDF, Colonel L. T. Rude, CBE, ED, Returned Sailors, Sailors and Airman's Imperial League of Australia, Mr. P. Phillips, and Mr. H. Rankine, New Zealand Returned Services Association, Mr. J. Wright, British Legion, Lieutenant Colonel E. J. R. Mitchell, OBE, ED.

## BRITON'S AMAZING ACTION

Moscow, April 24. Archibald Johnston, British journalist, aged 52, chief editor of "Britanski Soyuznik," a Russian language propaganda weekly published by the British Embassy in Moscow, sent a letter to the "Pravda" daily, declaring his intention to abandon the "Soyuznik" and remain in the Soviet Union.

Johnston denounced British foreign policy, saying he is breaking with the warmongering Britain of Winston Churchill, Clement Attlee and Ernest Bevin and will fight for peace.

"Pravda" published the letter in four full columns under a big headline today.

Johnston is said to have been a newspaperman for 35 years, many of which were with the London "News Chronicle," which is considered a Liberal newspaper.

"But now I see that liberalism is nothing but a convenient refuge for so-called cultured people who, though understanding where justice and truth lie, nonetheless evade to answer what they must personally do," he said.

He explained that he was appointed editor of "Britanski Soyuznik" in February, 1947, and that the publication was intended to "facilitate the good relations between the British and Soviet people."

He said he knows how widespread friendship for the Soviet Union prevails in Britain and that Anglo-Soviet friendship is one of the principal planks of the British Labour Party but the Labour Party after the elections deceived the people and embarked on an anti-Soviet policy.—United Press.

## TWO INJURED IN NT ACCIDENT

Two coolies were seriously injured and two more received slight injuries when a lorry overturned at the Ta Kung working ground, Mr. On San, Shatin, yesterday morning.

The workmen were taken to the Kowloon Hospital.

## FORD STRIKE

Detroit, April 23. Union workers have voted over-whelmingly in favour of an immediate strike against the Ford Motor Company to enforce modification of an alleged speed-up at the Rouge River plant.—Reuter.

## THE FIRST AND LAST TRAIN

Canton, April 24. The first and last through express train from Nanking to Canton arrived here last night from the recently evacuated Nationalist capital.

The through express service was inaugurated only a week ago with the departure of the same train that arrived last night.

The train came into Canton with 700 passengers, mostly dependents of Government employees.—United Press.

## CALL FOR AN ARMISTICE

Prague, April 23. All nations should call for a Truman-Stalin meeting and an armistice between the East and West, Mr. Ernst Fischer, Austrian Communist delegate to the World Peace Conference, said today.

Workers everywhere should announce their refusal to take part in an aggressive war, and should press for disarmament and the prohibition of atomic weapons, he added.—Reuter.

## WORKER'S FALL FROM BUILDING

A workman working on a new building in Central Road, Tsimshatsui, fell from the first floor yesterday morning.

He sustained serious injuries and was taken to the Kowloon Hospital.



The impressive scene at the Cenotaph yesterday when local Australians and New Zealanders remembered Anzac Day.—("China Mail" photo).

## St. George's Day Service At Anglican Cathedral

A special Sunday service was held yesterday at St. John's Cathedral to commemorate St. George's Day. Before a full congregation Dean Rose delivered a sermon on the national characteristics of the English people.

## Hero Of Amethyst

London, April 24. The Admiralty today announced that the wireless operator in Amethyst, who was praised by Vice-Admiral A. C. G. Madden, Acting Commander-in-Chief, Far Eastern Station, was Telegraphist Jack Leonard French, aged 21, whose home is at Ashburton, Devon.

A spokesman said today: "As far as we know, Telegraphist French has been on duty practically continuously since the ship was shelled on Wednesday. He is the only telegraphist on the ship."

In his tiny emergency signalling cabin in shell-torn Amethyst, Telegraphist French has been the vital link between his ship and the highest naval authorities.

The ship's messages to the Naval Attache in Shanghai, to the cruiser London and the destroyer Consort, and to the Royal Air Force Sunderland which flew three times to Amethyst's position, were keyed out by him.—Reuter.

## ARABS TO GIVE BACK LAND

Amman, April 24. Transjordan will restore over 10 square miles of land North and South of Jerusalem to the Israel on May 1, it was decided yesterday by the mixed Armistice Commission at Jerusalem.

The Jerusalem-Tel-Aviv railway line will be the frontier between Arab-held and Jewish-held land in this region (South to the Arabs, North to the Israel).—Reuter.

## DROWNED IN RESERVOIR

A student, Chang Sack-bing, aged 14, of No. 203, Tung Choi Street, was drowned when he accidentally fell into the water at the Silver Jubilee Reservoir, Kowloon, yesterday.

Chang was one of a primary school picnic party.

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## CHINESE FILMS IN COLOUR

Chinese films will soon be in colour. Leaving by the ss. President Wilson yesterday for the United States was Mr. Robert Chung, Chinese colour expert, who will study the latest methods of colour processing in Hollywood and elsewhere on behalf of the Yung Hwa Studios, which will be the pioneer of producing colour movies in Hong Kong.

Latest American colour photography equipment has been ordered by the studio. Chinese technicians will be trained to use it.

New buildings will be erected by the company to house the equipment. One machine alone is said to have cost US\$27,000.

Mr. Chung, the newest recruit in the Yung Hwa fold, had been running a spectrum colour photo laboratory in Hong Kong since his return from eight years residence in Washington, DC, last year.

Zwiesel, Bavaria, April 23. The driver of a car, which crashed when it was run over by a train here, was unhurt and clinging to the buffer of the locomotive.—Reuter.

Not Easy. But this is not easy to hold on to, he warned, as it tends to degenerate into softness.

Giving his definition of a gentleman, the Dean referred his congregation to the passage in Michael, which defined gentleness as "to do justice to show mercy, and to walk with God."

Justice, he added, does not include sentimentality; as the latter does no good to anyone; leaving the receiver to subsequently pay for it.

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United Press.

## Pollitt Has Rough Time In Devonshire

Dartington, April 24. The British Communist Party Secretary, Mr. Harry Pollitt, was splattered with rotten eggs and threatened by club-wielding anti-Communists here last night after he addressed a Communist meeting which was all but broken up by hecklers.

A large number of hecklers, had journeyed 15 miles from Dartmouth where Pollitt was mobbed on Friday night when he "indifferently" referred to the Chinese Communist stilling of British warships in the Yangtze River.

A strong force of police was on hand to escort Pollitt through the threatening crowds which kept chanting "Throw him in the river."

Despite the Communist precautions at the gates of the hall, Pollitt spoke to an audience, inside which appeared to be mainly anti-Communist. They continuously heckled him as he spoke and, when he was getting to the end, sang the National Anthem.

Outside the village hall, a group of club-wielding youths gathered around, waiting for Pollitt to come out. The police formed a flying wedge and rushed Pollitt to a waiting car, but not before a rotten egg smashed against his back.

A youth, named as Peter Kerrigan, national organizer of the Communist Party, who was with Pollitt, but the police intervened before he could reach him.

The youth and others were held in the shelling of Amethyst.



ROBERT CHUNG

ordered by the studio. Chinese technicians will be trained to use it.

New buildings will be erected by the company to house the equipment. One machine alone is said to have cost US\$27,000.

Mr. Chung, the newest recruit in the Yung Hwa fold, had been running a spectrum colour photo laboratory in Hong Kong since his return from eight years residence in Washington, DC, last year.

Zwiesel, Bavaria, April 23. The driver of a car, which crashed when it was run over by a train here, was unhurt and clinging to the buffer of the locomotive.—Reuter.

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# HONG KONG GOLD ORDINANCE ONE OF MANY SIMILAR LAWS

## Officials Going To The South

Shanghai, April 24.  
Having completed the evacuation of all responsible Nationalist officials from Nanking in a plane shuttle service yesterday, the Nationalist Government began today to lift these officials to Canton. An officer of the Executive Yuan has been established to organize the evacuation. Shortly large numbers of officials left Shanghai airport and more are expected to go tomorrow when the evacuation to the Southern metropolis will be at full scale.

The Premier, Ho Ying-chih, concurrently Acting Defence Minister and Commander-in-Chief of all Nationalist forces, is expected to go to Canton shortly but he will make periodic visits to important strategic centres of Nationalist resistance to consult at first-hand with his subordinate commanders and undertake active control of Nationalist resistance "to the bitter end" in South China.—Reuter.

## Reds Advance On Shanghai

(Continued from Page 1)  
The Communist soldiers are dressed neatly and appear in excellent condition. Nanking has undergone the transition period with some damage. The greatest loss is possibly the railway station, which the Nationalists demolished before they fled. Many shops were looted and the private homes of Government officials were stripped. Most Government buildings were stripped of furniture. Foreign property was not molested except for companies having godowns and property along the waterfront. Oil companies were particularly targeted. Only a few casualties were suffered among the population. These in the main were looters shot while attempting to strip shops. As far as is known no foreigner has been killed or injured.—Reuter and Associated Press.

London, April 23.  
Mr. W. Woodward, a schoolmaster at Charterhouse, near Bath, placed a plate with fried potatoes on it outside his door for his cat. Later, he found a startling find in an egg on the potatoes.—Reuter.

## American Hissed For Criticising The Soviet Union

Paris, April 23.  
Boos and hisses greeted Mr. John Rogge, an American delegate, when he criticised the Soviet Union at the 59-nation Communist-supported World Peace Congress here tonight. "There is discrimination in the United States against minorities and women," he declared. "But in Russia," he added, "there is insufficient freedom for political minorities."

Tall, slim and fair, Rogge evoked a rustle of surprise by speaking in favour of the United States Government for the first time since the Congress began. "We have a rough road ahead of us in solving American problems," he said. "But the solution will have to be found by our own citizens."

"It will be found by a people's party, a peace party. It will not be a Communist party," he added to the surprise of his audience. Mr. Rogge said it was wrong for America to play on people's fear of the atom bomb. But it was equally wrong, he said, for Communist countries to make play with such phrases as capitalist imperialism.

"I have attended many conferences like this," he said, "and there have been too many attacks on a particular group in a particular country—my own country. Each side in its own way is still playing power politics."

"The Communist countries must learn to live with the capitalist countries. Each system has its virtues and shortcomings and each can learn a great deal from the other."

### Dean, Cheered

Earlier, delegates had jumped to their feet and cheered for several minutes when the Chairman, the British historian Professor J. G. Crowther, announced: "We have just received news that the Chinese democratic forces have freed Ning Ming."

The recent ordinance affecting the free sale of gold in the Colony is only one of countless laws made throughout the world by Governments in protection of their countries' economic systems. Gold was the first metal to be discovered by early man. Its bright gleam even in the raw state as it lay in the ground attracted attention and when smelted, its brilliant and completely untarnishable lustre made it the ideal substance for ornaments and jewellery.

Many of these ornaments exist today to remind us of the earliest of all civilisations. Egyptian, Minocan, Assyrian and Etruscan craftsmen fashioned elaborately designed and beautifully made, objects in gold that are today in as perfect condition as when made, thousands of years ago.

Bright yellow in its pure state, the colour of gold is changed, for different effects in the manufacture of jewellery. For the low carat 'white gold', silver is added, while the addition of the precious metals platinum and palladium, give the same whiteness but permit a higher standard of purity. The addition of copper produces a deeper yellow, and if more added the well known 'red gold' results.

### As Base Metal

Impervious to all corrosion by air, moisture and acids, pure gold is easily distinguishable from that adulterated with base metal. Tested with a minute drop of nitric acid, pure gold is unaffected and impure gold is marked.

However, absolutely pure gold is too soft for the manufacture of jewellery and is hardened by the addition of other metal in the ratio 2:24. This gives the highest standard of purity in worked gold which is 22 carat.

The most malleable and ductile of all metals, one ounce of gold can be beaten into 200 square feet of gold leaf, and one gram can be drawn into two miles of wire. This gold leaf was used by the ancient Egyptians to cover many of the sarcophagi and tomb furnishings, seen in museums today as bright and perfect as ever.

Since man recognised gold to be the only really stable currency, there have been serious drawbacks to its use as currency, as many countries who used it for this purpose, have found out. A gold coin usually possessed equal intrinsic and face values and as the coin became worn, the two values became disproportionate, a handful of new coins being of greater value than the same number of old and worn coins, which the face value remained unaltered.

This drawback was aggravated by unscrupulous people who filed, scraped and cut pieces off the new coins. This practice of

## HK Dollars In Kwangtung

A prominent Canton merchant who arrived here yesterday estimated that about 60 per cent of the currency circulating in the markets in Canton consists of Hong Kong dollars.

Throughout Kwangtung province business transactions are mostly based on Hong Kong dollars, he said.

Farmers in the province will pay \$1 H.K. in return for six or seven pieces of the newly issued local coins, the merchant concluded.

course gave them the proverbial bun and the penny. More important, Governments found it extremely difficult to recover the gold in circulation from the public when it was necessary to finance wars and international trade.

With the instigating (to Government) cynicism that people have always shown towards paper currency they preferred, in times of unrest to cling to their gold at all costs, and shortly after the first Great War, in most countries gold coinage was gradually replaced by silver, copper, and paper currencies.

As distinct from the men who have sought gold by robbery and bloodshed, and those who wielded picks, shovels, and geologists' hammers, in search of it through the centuries, there were the men who sought to make the precious metal in the laboratory by a combination of sorcery and applied science. These were the Alchemists, and they sought both the elixir of life, and the secret of the transmutation of base metal into gold with all the zeal and energy that is applied today to nuclear fusion research. Many extravagant claims for the success of their secret formulae have been made in the past by these Alchemists, and these formulae have often figured prominently in fraudulent schemes to rob gullible people of money invested in them.

History records the unhappy end of at least one of these charlatans. An authority on alchemy, Mr. K. Döbereiner, in an interesting book "Ten Thousand Years of Alchemy," tells how Duke Frederick of Württemberg, employed an alchemist in 1597, who claimed to have the secret of making gold, and one day sealed up his laboratory in which a crucible of mercury and sand were boiling over a fire.

After a certain period of time had elapsed, the crucible, in fact, failed to contain the gold. However had been thrown into the mixture by the wily trickster's assistant who had been secreted beforehand in the room. The Duke discovered the trick and had the unfortunate man hanged on a gold plated iron gallows, and then buried in a golden shroud.

## Rugby In Britain

London, April 23.  
Today's rugby: Dewsbury 22, Bradford 9, Featherstone 14, Belle Vue 11, Halifax 17, York 5, Hull Kingston 17, Oldham 16, Hunslet 9, Batley 13, Keighley 8, Huddersfield 18, Leigh 10, Rochdale Hornets 9, Liverpool Stanley 9, Widnes 21, Salford 34, Bramley 8, Swinton 10, St. Helens 3, Warrington 30, Hull 7, Wakefield 5, Wakefield Trinity 30, Wigan 20, Barrow 8.

Rugby Union: Blackheath 19, St. Mary's Hospital 16, Old Merchant Taylors 5, London Welsh 25, Aberavon 9, Cross Keys 0, Aberllynery 0, Newbridge 6, Bridgend 0, Maesteg 0, Bridgewater 0, Alton 16, Newport 11, Swansea 11, Redruth 17, Falmouth 13, Taunton 6, Bath 14, Torquay Athletic 8, Mountain Ash 3, Weston-super-Mare 14, Bournemouth 11, Sale 24, London University 3.—Reuter.

### OLYMPIC SITE

London, April 23.  
The International Olympic Congress, opening this week-end in Rome, will decide whether or not Detroit will be the site of the 1956 Olympiad. Detroit and Melbourne are the two cities favoured to get the Games.

The Congress will also decide on the number and size of events to be held at Helsinki in 1952.—Reuter.

## BROMLEY'S AMATEUR CUP WIN

London, April 23.  
Bromley, of Kent, today won the Amateur Cup of soccer football for the third time in their career when they beat Romford, of Essex, in the final at Wembley Stadium by one goal to nil.

The all-important goal came after 20 minutes when Tommy Hopper, Bromley's inside-right, who played for Britain in the Olympic Games, scored, following a close passing movement among the Bromley forwards.

This was the first time that the Amateur Cup final had been played at Wembley and the 95,000 crowd was easily a record for the amateur game in Britain.

Romford strove desperately for an equaliser, but occasionally their forwards missed chances while their wing players were at times faulty.

Romford's defence was stubborn against the closer type of play adopted by Bromley, who were on the day's play deserving winners.—Reuter.

## BOXERS' ENTRIES WITHDRAWN

Prague, April 23.  
Two Czech boxers, chosen for the European team to visit the United States in Chicago next month, have had their entries withdrawn by the Czech sporting organisation, Sokol.

They are the Olympic welterweight Champion, Julius Torma, and the flyweight, Frantisek Majdloch.

Sokol has decided upon this step as it does not consider the European team truly representative of European boxing, particularly after the withdrawal of the Hungarian Olympic champions, L. Papp and T. Zak.—Reuter.

### SQUASH TOURNAY

London, April 24.  
Mahmoud el Karim of Cairo, British open squash racket champion, reached the final of the year's title event yesterday by eliminating Norman Borrett, amateur champion, 2-2, 3-4, 3-0.

El Karim went off at such a pace that Borrett found himself six points down before he scored. The English amateur recovered in the second game and actually led 3-1. Karim, however, rarely faltered in his perfect stroke production and completed the match with the loss of only one more point.—Associated Press.

## New Captains In County Cricket

London, April 23.  
A great deal of importance is attached to the captaincy of county cricket clubs and it is therefore surprising that of six new captains appointed this season, four of them have had little or no experience of first class cricket.

Lancashire, who have an eye on the championship this season, will be captained by Nigel Howard, 23 year old son of Major Howard, the former Lancashire secretary.

Howard, who succeeds Kenneth Cranston, made his debut in 1947, but last summer was his first full season with Lancashire. He is useful at all stages of bat and appears well suited for the job. If he can carry the burden well, he is expected to improve on his last season's average of 38.78.

Leicestershire, who for the past two seasons have relied on an experienced professional, Leslie Berry, to lead the side, revert to an amateur—Stuart J. Symington, whose only experience of first class cricket was two matches for the county last summer.

An unexpected task has been allotted to David Clark, appointed as captain to Kent this year. He succeeds Brian Valentine, a talented and experienced skipper, at a time when Kent's playing strength is not what it might be.

### Little Experience

Clark has had little experience of county cricket but is well known as captain of the Mole Cricket Club.

Derbyshire will be led by D. A. Skinner, an all rounder who made his debut two seasons ago. Twenty-nine years of age, Skinner is a right-hand bat and leg break bowler. He succeeds E. J. Gellman.

Perhaps the most interesting feature of the coming season will be the performance of Nottinghamshire, holders of the championship, who are led by 22 points to 47.



There was a large attendance at the wedding of Mr. Li Shing and Miss Yeung Bo-ying, at the Roman Catholic Cathedral yesterday. The Reverend Father Peter Ngai officiated. Duties of best man were discharged by Mr. Lee Shing-kuey. The bride was given away by Mr. Chung King-pui. A reception was held after the ceremony at the Cock and Pullet Restaurant.

## SPORTS GOSSIP

Returning to competitive swimming this year is Douglas Taylor, a towering six-foot-three of athletic power one time champion of the Colony 50 yard free style, and VRC's water polo ace.

First to break under 25 seconds for the 50 yards, Douglas swam the distance in 24.5 seconds in 1940, to take the record from Ng Tien-nan.

Besides being the Police swim champion in the years preceding the war, Taylor was also famous on the track and field, specialising in the weights and jumps.

If Taylor should come back to VRC, his old club, which is probably the Victorian swim squad, with the addition of some others, will be faster than ever, with power added to their speedy water polo team. Incidentally, what about a water polo league this year?

The Colony's swim stars during the winter months have given away headline space to the cricketers and footballers but have themselves been keeping fit with winter games.

Wilfred Lawrence, for instance, believes in badminton to keep his legs strong. He has been successful in his club's member tournaments.

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Butterfly swimmer, mixes his sports. During the winter he took part in league hockey, football and softball, played badminton and went in for long motor-bike rides.

Both Shaun and Heather Anderson are choosing their events this year. Shaun will concentrate on the free style up to the 220 yards distance of which she is the champion, and record holder of two—50 and 220.

Heather wants to do only the 220 and 440. Both, however, have big interests in the relays. They are in a big way responsible for the records which VRC holds.

Yusef, Khalisa's hockey centre forward, has fallen down and broken his nose and that was why the international hockey meet between Portugal and India was postponed for a week. Yusef is an important man in the Indian line-up.

Perhaps inspired by their clean sweep in last year's lawn bowl league, bowling in Club de Regenero is more popular than ever. They have something like 100 keen bowlers in the Club.

A members' competition, now in its 73rd year, has a list of 73 names. It won't be surprising to see Regenero having two teams in each league division this year. If that is possible.

## ARSENAL TO TOUR BRAZIL

London, April 23.  
Arsenal's close season tour of Brazil is definitely on.

The Manager, Tom Whittaker, has completed a contract for the trip which will be the longest in the Club's history.

At least 20 players and officials will take part and insurance cover amounts to £480,000.

The party will fly from England in two groups on May 9 and May 11 in two British South American Airways planes and play the first of their six matches on May 15.

The return trip will probably be by sea.—Reuter.

### TENNIS TITLES

Paris, April 23.  
Henri Cochet, of France, and Pedro Masip, of Spain, won the men's doubles title in the international tennis championships here today.

They beat the French pair, Marcel Bernard and Jacques Thomas 3-6, 7-5, 6-7, 6-2, 6-1.

Masip was also on the winning side in the mixed doubles (and partnering Myrtille Brunhildus (France) to a 6-4, 6-1 victory over Pierre Geelhand (Belgium) and Gloria Butler (USA).—Reuter.

In a friendly basketball game at Caroline Hill last night, Garden Southern Commercial College lost to South China Athletic Association by 22 points to 47.

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The Williams world lightweight champion, scored a technical knock out over Yusef, Turpin, of Ohio, in the sixth round of a 10-round bout here.—Reuter.

At the end of the world, April 23.  
Holland beat France by four goals to one in a soccer international here today.—Reuter.



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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Sixty-fourth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the undersigned, on Monday, 23rd May, 1949, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948, and electing Directors and Auditors.

Any Member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him; a proxy need not also be a Member.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 5th May to 25th May 1949, inclusive.

By Order of the Board

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers.

## ADDITIONAL NOTICE.

The attention of all Shareholders is drawn to the fact that through unavoidable circumstances the dates during which the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed have been altered, and will now be from the 5th May to 25th May, 1949, inclusive, instead of 10th May to 5th June, 1949, as previously advertised.

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Hong Kong, April 21, 1949.

## NOTICE

## RECRUITING L.E.P.

Recruiting Office, Whitfield Barracks, will be opened at the following times, on the following days to recruit for the 5th, Course Hong Kong Chinese Training Unit due to begin 4th July, 1949.

Wednesday, 27th April 1949 at 9 a.m.

Wednesday, 11th May 1949 at 9 a.m.

Wednesday, 18th May 1949 at 9 a.m.

Men of Hong Kong and Kowloon who wish to join the British Army should apply to the 'IN' Gate Whitfield Barracks on the above dates at the time shown together with letters vouching for their good character from two guarantors who should be citizens of Standing and Known Integrity in Hong Kong.

MAJOR J. F. SOPER, Officer-in-Charge Recruiting, Hong Kong & New Territories.

## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Charles Andrew Sutherland Russ and James Charles Stewart, Solicitors of Hong Kong, on April 11, 1949, entered into a Partnership Agreement and that from May 1, 1949, they will carry on the practice of solicitors at Wang Hing Building, No. 10, Queen's Road, Central, 2nd floor, under the style or firm name of C. A. Sutherland Russ and Stewart—Telephone No. 27735.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 5th Race Meeting to be held on Saturday 7th May, 1949, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock Noon on Thursday, 28th April, 1949.

By Order,

D. L. PROPHET, Actg. Secretary.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-ninth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Company's Office, Windsor House, Mezzanine Floor, Hongkong, on Thursday, 5th May, 1949 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948, to sanction the declaration of a Dividend and to re-elect Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 21st April to Thursday 5th May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

A. A. BRENNER, Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, April 12, 1949.

## PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, May 4, 1949 at 12 noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended March 31, 1949, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from April 26 to May 4, 1949, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, LTD., General Managers.

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## EFFECT OF COMMUNIST CONTROL OF SOUTH

Washington, April 23.

Sen Styles Bridges said today that Communist control of South China would make General MacArthur's occupation job in Japan much more difficult.

A Congressional investigation of American policy in China appears certain, he said, and added that the Appropriations Sub-committee will insist on one before granting the State Department operating funds for the 1950 fiscal year.

At the same time, Senator William Knowland asked chairman Tom Connally, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, for a hearing on his proposal to establish a special joint Congressional investigating committee on China.

Mr. Bridges told reporters that the Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, is apparently covering up the "State Department's veiled interest in its mistakes in the Far East, from the Yalta Conference to date."

He referred to Mr. Acheson's recent letter to Senator Connally, in which the Secretary said further U.S. military aid to the Nationalist Government might be catastrophic, and would require the direct involvement of American troops in China's civil war.

## "Not Too Late"

General MacArthur's military task in Japan would be made more difficult and occupation costs would rise if the Chinese Communists occupied South China, he said.

Japan, he continued, probably would be unable to get raw materials which she traditionally obtained from China. Despite the steady Communist advances, Mr. Bridges suggested it is still not too late for American aid to enable anti-Communist forces to retain a foothold in South China.

He urged a gesture of moral support for the Nationalist Government, and said American strategy and direction, plus some arms, might enable the anti-Communists to avert complete domination of the country by the Reds.—United Press.

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## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

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## AVOID HIS STRONG SPOT

IN NAVAL and military strategy, also in football, boxing, baseball and other games, it is considered the height of foolishness to attack the enemy where he is best prepared to repulse you. The thing to do generally is to figure out his weakness and hit him there. That is emphatically true in the attack upon a No Trump contract. When he has shown confidence in his ability to block, the suit your side bid, it is well to look for a different opening lead if there appears a prospect of a good one.

S 8 6  
H A 8 7 5 3  
D J 10 7  
C A K J  
S A 7 5 4  
H 4  
D A K Q  
- 5 4 2  
C 8 6

(Dealer East East-West vulnerable.)

Most players in the South position led a heart after bidding of that general nature in the big tournament, and North returned a second heart after winning with the A. That made it a cinch

for East to run eleven tricks, when the spade K was trapped. Only one South player had the wit to realize that West's strong jump into 3-No Trumps showed probable possession of a bunch of set-up solid tricks, so that a single stopper of the hearts would be enough for East to make his game. This South therefore decided to strike elsewhere. With his rather fair holding of four clubs, he opened the 4. North took the K and A and returned the J, whereupon South overtook with his Q, scored the 10 and then switched to a heart for North to set the contract with his A.

South's action in leading a club resulted in his pair getting the only plus score for any pair in the North-South position.

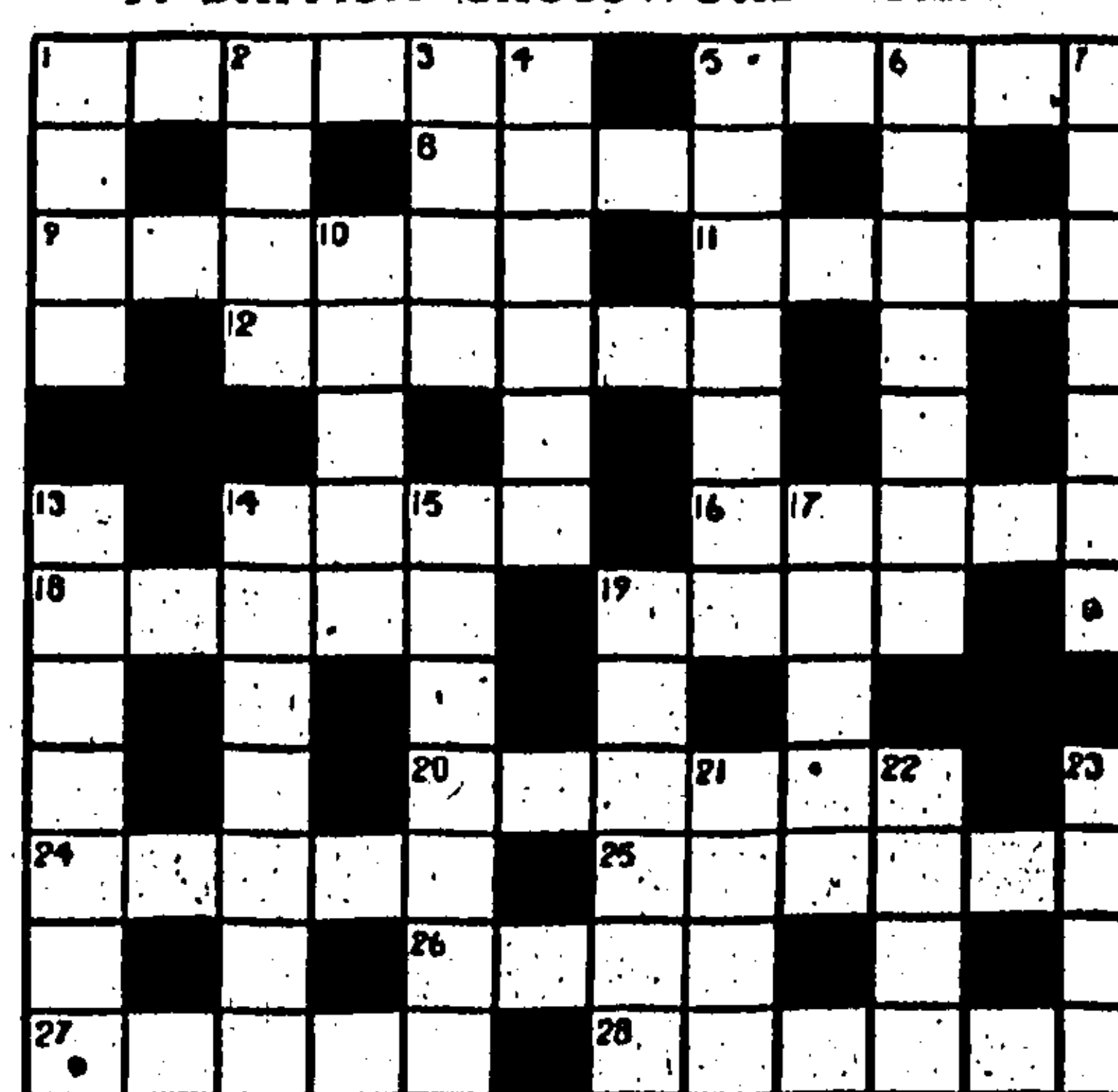
Tomorrow's Problem

S 10 9 5  
H K 8  
D A J 9 5 3  
C A 10 6  
S K Q 6  
H J 9 8 3  
D 2  
D 10 7 6 4  
C 3

(Dealer West North-South vulnerable.)

What contract will produce game on this deal for North and South against any opening lead?

## A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## Across

- Delicious drink.
- Hub.
- Card board container.
- Tiers.
- Offer.
- Shape.
- Happening.
- Conscious.
- Worry.
- Disturbance.
- Blue.
- Whiten.
- Skilful.
- Entertain.
- Church festival.
- Crossword.

## Down

- Pleasant person.
- Abrupt.
- Soon.
- Haphazard.
- Dog.
- Turret.
- Abandons.
- Voice.
- Brave.
- Unsuccessful.
- Withdraw.
- Scene of action.
- Handle.
- Excuse.
- Sailor.
- Scorch.

Saturday's Crossword  
ACROSS—1. Tumble, 4. Balm, 7. Gamble, 8. Knave, 10. Pelt, 12. Glimpse, 13. Argue, 16. Anix, 17. Rake, 18. Bump, 20. Steadily, 21. Ebb, 22. Rattle, 23. Window, 25. Sleep, 26. United.  
DOWN—1. Trippers, 2. Simulacra, 3. Lads, 5. Annotate, 6. Rake, 9. Beech, 11. Treatise, 12. Glimpse, 15. Instinct, 16. Enchanted, 17. Ailment, 23. Slip.









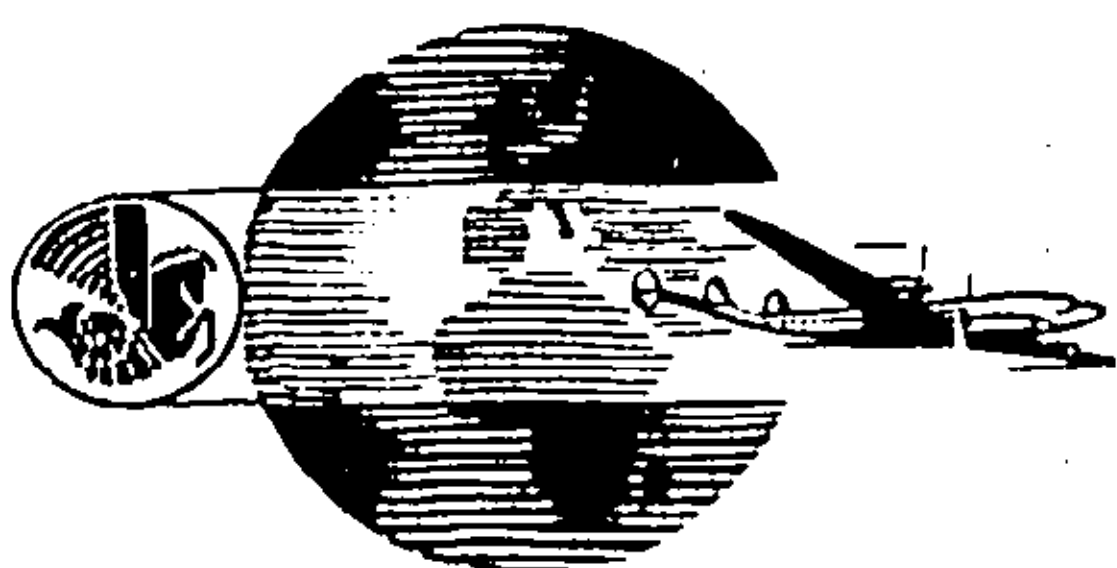
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PARTISANS  
OF PEACE

While Chinese Communists  
shell British warships in the  
Yangtze, while Communists  
in Malaya murder British  
planters and Communist  
activity in other Far Eastern  
countries is increasing, the  
Communist Party is putting  
on a show in Paris, labelled  
the "World Congress for  
Peace." The danger of this  
conference lies in the insidi-  
ous claim of the so-called  
partisans of peace that only  
the Communists and those  
who support the foreign  
policy of the Soviet Union  
are sincere in wanting peace,  
while everyone else, includ-  
ing the great majority in all  
Western countries, are really  
planning for war. In this  
way they hope to attract  
many innocent but ignorant  
people to support the Com-  
munist cause and to question  
the policies of their own gov-  
ernments. For this purpose  
the "peace congress" is an  
ingenious device. In theory  
nothing could be more  
harmless or indeed more  
praiseworthy; in practice it  
is a means of attacking  
the Western Powers in  
their own home. The  
Paris congress is taking the  
usual course of these Com-  
munist and Communist-front  
meetings. The peaceful policy  
of the Soviet Union is praised;  
the Atlantic Pact is denounced  
as a pact of warmongers.  
Yet the Western peoples,  
while gritting their teeth,  
may reflect that even "peace"  
is a significant cry from the  
East and may express a  
genuine wish for some kind  
of appeasement or cover a  
genuine sense of uneasiness.  
The Russian rulers no doubt  
wish to exploit the longing  
for peace in Western Europe  
for their own ends but they  
cannot do so without rousing  
an equal longing among the  
peoples subject to their rule.  
The Russian peace offensive  
is not peace as it is understood  
in the West; but so long as  
there are no illusions about  
its purpose it may be watch-  
ed with interest and even  
with encouragement.

## Burma Needs Aid

Burma's obvious need for  
aid in her present plight is a  
call to the Commonwealth  
Conference now being held in  
London. The Ministers are  
bound to consider sympatheti-  
cally Burma's urgent need for  
a loan and, although Burma  
has chosen to sever political  
ties with the Commonwealth,  
the state of affairs in that  
part of the world is a matter  
for much concern to a num-  
ber of Commonwealth coun-  
tries, and particularly to India  
and Pakistan. The confusion  
into which the country obvi-  
ously has fallen means  
doubts not only about its  
ability to make fruitful use of  
a loan but also about the  
capacity of the present rulers  
to resist the Communist pen-  
etration effectively. Since the  
rejection by Burma of the  
Commonwealth offer of  
mediation, the plight of  
Burma has worsened. Every-  
thing points to the necessity  
for prompt Commonwealth  
action either to bring about  
a compromise in the civil war  
or, if this is not possible, to  
extend practical aid to the  
Rangoon Government.

JEWISH REDS  
PROTEST

Tel Aviv, April 23.  
Israeli Communist and United  
Workers' Party deputies, together  
holding one sixth of the seats in  
Parliament, held a mass meeting  
here today in protest against  
"Western war-mongering."  
They pledged themselves to  
prevent Israel becoming an "An-  
glo-American imperialist base."  
—Reuter.

## HARD-HITTING ARTICLES BY A GREAT CRICKETER



## BRADMAN SPEAKS OUT

## Future Test Players

by Don Bradman

The last tour brought the re-  
alisation of my last ambition as  
a cricketer—to lead a team  
at the same time I was sorry  
to find the Old Country faced  
with several problems. One is  
to find future Test players.

Among the young batsmen who  
impressed me was R. T. Simpson.  
of Nottingham, who is even bet-  
ter on the faster wickets abroad.  
Among the bowlers, Ian Bred-  
ford, of Middlesex, who spins  
and flights the ball and seems  
to have the right temperament,  
is a man to watch.

The young man of Manchester  
who stole the headlines by get-  
ting my wicket twice in one  
Lancashire match—Lincoln Hil-  
ton—may also go far.

Publicity can be helpful or  
harmful. A youngster may get  
too much limelight for a per-  
formance that might be more in  
the nature of an accident than  
something to be expected of him  
regularly. Pushed into the limel-  
ight too soon, he may suffer an  
unpleasant hiding from good  
batmen.

But Hilton appears to have all  
the qualifications that go to make  
a first-class bowler. He is worth  
regarding, and encouraging, as a  
potential England player.

## The League

Many Englishmen fail to realise  
that no one plays cricket pro-  
fessionally in Australia.

It is one reason why we lose  
stars to England's league clubs.  
We are obviously perturbed  
that the leagues have taken, or  
are reported to be taking, really  
first-class performers like Cecil  
Pepper, George Tribe, Bill Al-  
ley, Jack Pettiford, Ken Greaves,  
Fred Freck and last but not  
least, Bruce Dooland.

As the number of top-class  
players is limited, the loss of  
men of Test or near-Test calibre  
is felt severely. However, I see  
no mutual solution, as the play-  
ers have a right to lead their own  
lives and to play cricket where  
they can get the best terms.

It remains for Australia to see  
whether some means can be  
found of homing in on the  
talent so painstakingly produced.  
And so to umpires.

In the past I have always held  
the standard of umpiring to be  
higher in England than in Aus-  
tralia. This is because English  
umpires are mostly ex-players  
with a first-class knowledge and  
long experience of the game.  
In 1948 English umpiring was  
not quite up to the standard of  
previous years; there has been a  
deterioration in country cricket  
as a whole.

## Less Keen

Probably the war is to blame.  
All the pre-war umpires are now  
nine years older and their eyes  
sight is not quite so keen. But  
they have not yet been replaced  
by the new and younger men  
whom we may expect in the  
years ahead.

The umpiring during the  
tour was, as usual, strictly im-  
partial. Remembering the bit-  
ter controversy over the Aus-  
tralian Tests in 1946-47, I am  
glad to record that worst um-  
piring was experienced in 1948  
without anybody causing a  
storm about it.

Umpires are human and make  
errors—but never deliberately.  
and should be thanked for taking  
on what they know to be an  
onerous job with many brickbats  
but few bouquets.

Finally, I hope that the tour  
helped the youth of England, who  
now Australians play for the first  
time to learn such lessons as  
these:

When batting, follow the policy  
of hitting the ball and scoring  
runs—of attacking, and attack-  
ing, whenever circumstances per-  
mit.

When bowling, concentrate on  
trying to rob the batsman of the  
initiative. Get in first with the  
attack. Bowl to a co-ordinated  
plan. Above all, cultivate the  
accuracy that is so essential to  
a first-class player.

When fielding, learn to get to  
the ball quickly and throw with  
speed and accuracy.

That is the way to enjoy cric-  
ket yourself, and at the same time  
to provide the type of cricket  
the world needs.

England's cricket captain, last  
summer, N. W. D. Yardley does  
not agree with all that Don  
Bradman wrote in his series  
of articles. Today he gives his  
answer.

My old rival, Don Bradman,  
has had a good innings in the  
Sunday Chronicle, but some of  
his attacking shots have been  
white of the mark.

He criticised the English team  
selection and the form of our  
batmen against fast bowling. He  
even suggested that English

cricketers now are less enthu-  
siasm and play less attractive cricket  
than his own countrymen.

There is little to criticise in  
many of Don's contentions, but,  
if I am stung to resentment about  
inferiority has raised, it is his  
greater love of the game in duo  
largely to the absence of profes-  
sional cricket in their country.

## Amateurs' £700

This absence, surely, is due to  
the financial expediency of a  
restricted programme of inter-  
state cricket rather than to the  
existence in Australia of a nobler  
spirit.

For financial reasons amateurs  
like myself find it increasingly  
difficult to continue playing first-  
class cricket. Thus it may seem  
strange that 17 amateurs from  
Australia can afford the time  
and the money to make cricket  
tours abroad, whereas we in Eng-  
land have difficulty in discover-  
ing more than two or three.

The answer, of course, is the  
vast difference between financial  
help or expense allowances grant-  
ed to the amateurs of our own  
touring side, and the assistance  
provided for the Australians.

For a tour to Australia an  
English amateur receives between  
£150-£200 to cover clothing,  
equipment and out-pocket ex-  
penses. For the last tour of this  
country every Australian amateur  
received the equivalent of £700  
sterling to cover similar expenses.

Next, I would like to join issue  
with Bradman on the relative  
scoring speeds of English and  
Australian Test sides. He claims  
that "Australians get their runs  
more quickly (and, therefore,  
presumably more attractively)  
than we do. This may have been  
true of the last two series, but  
there are three very good reasons  
for it.

Firstly, Australians learn to  
bat on true, fast wickets which  
are conducive to good stroke play.  
Our own batsmen have to compete  
with frequent variations of pitch  
caused by our erratic climate.  
Consequently, they must thorowly  
master the art of defence, con-  
centration on which makes them  
prone to lose their resourcefulness.

Bradman himself provides the  
second reason. His own amazing  
ability to get runs quickly off al-  
most any bowling so increased his  
team's scoring rate that the slow-  
ness of other Australian batsmen  
has been overlooked.

Thirdly, there is Bradman's  
method of captaincy. Except on  
occasions when wickets fall quick-  
ly he very soon starts bowling to a  
defensive field—and is fully pre-  
pared to stay on the defensive until  
a wicket falls.

Here let me agree with Don  
that never at any time during  
the 1948 Tests did any member  
of the English team resent the  
bowling of Lindwall and Miller.  
The only incident occurred dur-  
ing our second innings at Notting-  
ham, when there was a demon-  
stration by the crowd against  
Miller for his bowling at Hutton.

My own view is that this was an  
aftermath of the 1932-33 tour in  
Australia, and of the Voo incident  
when Notts played the Australians  
in 1934.

The reaction to fast bowling by  
myself and the rest of the side was  
a desire to have someone equally  
fast who could retaliate. We had  
no wish to start a "bouncing"  
match, but we felt it was a little  
galling that all the heavy artillery  
belonged to our opponents.

Closely allied to the success of  
Australia's fast-bowling last sum-  
mer was the fielding of Barnes at  
short leg. To my mind he in-  
creased tremendously the effective-  
ness of Lindwall and Miller. A  
fieldsmen as close as Barnes was  
could not fail to have an unsettling  
effect on the batsman by making  
him very conscious of his presence.

To this extent Barnes, admittedly,  
was a distracting influence,  
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Don, I read, denies that he is a  
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in the field. At times I have felt  
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## The Captaincy

On the subject of captaincy let  
me make a personal observation.  
Last summer there was a great  
deal of controversy as to whether  
I should be retained as captain,

especially for the final Test at the  
Oval.

Before the side was chosen for  
that match I felt that I had not  
had much personal success—or  
match-winning success—and I of-  
fered to stand down. I thought a  
change of captaincy might bring  
a change of luck, and also, as I  
was not going to be available in  
any case for the South African  
tour, the selectors might like to  
give some experience to the pos-  
sible leader of the touring side.

The Selection Committee over-  
ruled me. They said they want-  
ed me to see the series through.  
I know many cricket followers  
considered that the dynamic  
Walter Robins should have been  
chosen to lead the English side. I  
do know, however, that Robins had  
no desire to return to the rough  
and tumble of Test cricket. And  
no one was more delighted than he  
was when, after an attack of  
lumbago early in the season, I  
made 90 against Middlesex the day  
before the side was picked for the  
first Test and so proved my physi-  
cal fitness.

## Immature

The selectors had a very difficult  
task last summer. Bradman in-  
forms that this task was inad-  
equately performed, his chief cri-  
tique being our continued selection  
of the "old brigade" instead of  
"blooding the younger players."

This is nonsense. No one was  
knewer than the last Selection  
Committee to give youth its  
chance, but they did not consider  
that the young players available  
were mature enough to face such  
formidable opposition.

The English cricketer takes longer  
to mature than the Australian.  
He must be groomed more slowly.  
It is worth bearing in mind that  
when Hutton (at 21) and Compton  
(at 20) made their first appear-  
ance against Australia, they had  
had four and three years respec-  
tively of county cricket of a much  
higher standard than today's.

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ence against New Zealand in the  
previous summer.

To compare, as some people  
did, the present Ian Delford or  
Malcolm Hilton with these two  
is, of course, absurd.

Remember that we tried several  
young players in the West Indies.  
Of these only Jim Laker enhanced  
his reputation—and Laker got his  
chance in three of the five Aus-  
tralian Tests.

Now what about the Leeds Test?  
Here Bradman's views are most  
interesting, especially as I have  
already commented on his prefer-  
ence for playing for safety.

Let me put to you the problem,  
which faced me on that final morn-  
ing. Australia had won at Not-  
tingham and Lord's with the Man-  
chester match drawn, leaving them  
with the Ashes and two up with  
two to play. It was, there-  
fore, imperative that we should  
win at Leeds and the Oval to  
break even on the rubber.

It was apparent to me half an  
hour before lunch that Australia  
were making no effort to score the  
70 runs per hour we had set them  
to get. On a spin bowler's wicket  
I had only one recognised spinner  
in Jim Laker, with Denis Compton  
to lend a hand.

Denis, at this stage, had dis-  
missed Hassett and had had Brad-  
man missed twice and Morris once.  
My only other hope was Len Hilt-  
on. My reason for bowling him  
was that he might get a much-  
needed wicket and, secondly, al-  
though I realised he might prove  
expensive, I felt that if Bradman  
and Morris scored a few quick  
runs it might induce them to  
change their tactics and go out for  
a win.

When a side is taking chances  
an hour can change the whole  
course of a game. If in that  
period at Leeds we had got  
three wickets I feel sure we  
would have won.

As it happened things did not  
go our way. There was the sad  
story of missed chances, and, nat-  
urally, I was blamed for mistaken  
tactics.

These, then, are just a few of  
the points which have prompted  
me to cross swords with Aus-  
tralia's great captain, who led one of  
the best and certainly one of the  
most popular sides which has ever  
visited this country.

I feel that their sweeping suc-  
cesses may have made Don a trifle  
complacent. For my part I am  
not in any way dependent about  
the future.

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## The End

Husbands Are So  
Old-Fashioned!

New York, April 24.

The trouble with husbands, an expert said today,  
is that they're old fashioned. They still think  
they're the big boss.

Marriage is a changed insti-  
tution, but husbands are hard  
to budge, Dr. Evelyn M. Davall,  
executive secretary of the Na-  
tional Council on family rela-  
tions, writes in "American"  
magazine. She has one. She  
knows.

"Most men still find it painfully  
hard to adjust to the fact that  
marriage has changed and that  
their old master-of-the-household  
role just doesn't fit any more,"  
she said.

Today men don't have to marry  
because they need someone to  
cook for them and clothe them.  
Both can live comfortably if they  
and girls don't need breadwinners,  
remain single. They marry for  
companionship.

"The husband is no longer  
justified in trying to play the  
role of big boss," she said  
firmly.

Morrison  
Blames The  
Communists

London, April 23.  
Mr. Herbert Morrison, Lord  
President of the Council, today  
blamed Communist plotters for  
the London dock strike which  
last week tied up over 70 ships.

At their call, he declared, thou-  
sands of men came out on strike  
in spite of machinery which ex-  
cludes to settle grievances.

In a few days they went back  
to work when the same people,  
together with responsible trade  
union officials, asked them to re-  
turn.

Speaking in Blackpool at a  
meeting of the National Union of  
General and Municipal Workers,  
he urged dockers not to be push-  
ed around like flocks of sheep.

He said that they should re-  
fuse to be fooled by irresponsible  
conspirators who are the servile  
agents of a foreign power.—Reu-  
ter.



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a quick one.

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the price he wants for a house  
because it is reputed to be the  
scene of persistent psychic phe-  
nomena.

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tenants.

Denials from Britain.  
There is no truth in the report  
that tourists will be allowed to  
drink when they wish; that  
ministers of the Crown will be  
rationed to one bottle of whisky  
a week as presents from business  
men; that nude girls on the stage  
are allowed to sneeze; that the  
5,000,000-circulation "News of  
the World" will publish no more  
court stories.

No, Myrtle, it is not considered  
good taste to refer to our mental  
giants, the Unofficial members,  
as the "Seven Dwarfs."

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since he gave the Reich the  
slip?

While rumours fly unfounded  
from lip to passing lip,  
About the hottest Marshal Herr  
Hitler ever had;  
None knows just what has  
happened since he went to  
Stalingrad.

Maybe that lanky figure men  
never set eyes upon:  
Across the steppes of Russia  
goes still goose-stepping on.  
With comrades who now wor-  
ship a Kultur new and  
strange,  
And wait a warlord's signal to  
help their kinsmen change.

Where Friedrich winds his  
baton, now only Stalin  
knows.  
Whether he be in Moscow or  
mid Siberia's snows—  
Who breaches the Iron Barrier,  
pass from the sight of man.  
Maybe he talks with Tamerlane,  
or jests with Genghis  
Khan?

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# THE LAST HOURS OF NANKING: LOOTERS IN FULL CONTROL

(By Chang Kuo-sin)

## BRITISH CONTACTS WITH REDS

London, April 23. Mr. Richard Crossman, Labour Member of Parliament and a commentator on foreign affairs, said today that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, has unofficially kept in close contact with the Chinese Communists.

Mr. Bevin had promised to maintain his party headquarters in Hong Kong, Mr. Crossman asserted in the "Sunday Pictorial".

"That is why I doubt whether the Yangtze incidents will make him (Mr. Bevin) alter his decision to accept the Communist victory in China as a fait accompli, and to try to reach a working agreement with the Communist leaders."

"Mr. Bevin has been very careful to avoid taking sides in the war between General Chiang Kai-shek and the Chinese Communists," Mr. Crossman added.

"Unlike the Americans, he rightly saw that General Chiang would prove a most untrustworthy ally, and that any assistance we gave him would merely discredit us in China when his regime collapsed."

Reuter.

## NAZI MEDALS FOR SALE

Berlin, April 23. A Berlin boy, arrested for the possession of a handful of medals and over \$4 in American money, has been bound over for six months by a United States military court here.

No further action will be taken if he finds a more respectable way of earning a living than peddling Nazi medals to American soldiers, the judge told the boy. Reuter.

## Czechs Call Off Planned Revolt

Washington, April 23.

Anti-Communist underground leaders here disclosed today that they have called off a desperate attempt by underground forces to overthrow the Communist Government of Czechoslovakia.

A spokesman declined to say when the uprising was fixed but said it developed very recently, and details were sent to the Council of Free Czechoslovakia in Washington.

The council countermanded the revolt, declaring: "The time is not ready and the situation is not such that their attempt could have any positive result. Sacrifice of those brave men would have been useless."

He explained that the Council had been established to form the nucleus of a Free Czech Government in exile until the Communist hold on Prague could be broken.

The spokesman said the Czech Communist Government is now threatened by two elements—the democratic underground and the "Hitlites," or nationalist segments within the Communist Party itself.

The discontent of this latter group has been increased by orders from Moscow that Czechoslovakia must now concentrate on becoming a centre of heavy industry for Eastern Europe, the spokesman continued.

He said the Deputy Soviet Foreign Minister, Andrei Vyshinsky, recently made a special trip to Czechoslovakia to override the objections of many Czech officials and to order a trial programme into effect.

The purpose of the programme is to force Czech industry to supply the Soviet and satellite armies with heavy arms and equipment.

The council spokesman said these plans are wrecking the light industries which have long been the backbone of Czech peace time economy. — United Press.

## PREPARING FOR NEXT WAR

Melbourne, April 24. Mr. Arthur Calwell, Australian Immigration Minister, said here today that Australia has a maximum of 25 years and a minimum of 10 years in which to prepare for another war.

"We need 20 million people to develop and hold Australia, and we must get them in a maximum period of 25 years," he said. Reuter.

Nanking, April 23. Rioters and looters had a field day today as this city of 2,000,000 was without water and electricity. Most of the looters stormed food warehouses, but shops, offices and homes of the rich were stripped.

Among the first places to be looted were the Presidential offices and the residence of the Acting President, Li Tsung-jen, where the housekeeper helped the looters to carry off their spoils so "she could have some peace."

Many looters and rioters were shot later today by emergency police guards, and rioting slowed down. However, further outbreaks were expected during the night.

The city's American population of 259 and other foreign nationals are believed to be safe.

The people of Nanking are politically apathetic. They display no more enthusiasm for the Communists than they had for the Government.

Here is a chronological account of developments today:

From midnight to 4 a.m. on Saturday—Police and rearward units of the 45th Army covering the Nationalist retreat began a general withdrawal. The soldiers were tired and haggard from defeat but were maintaining discipline. Lines of trucks, packed with luggage and soldiers, moved out of the city. The sound of firing across the river died down except for the occasional chatter of a lone machine-gun.

**Looting Starts**  
5 a.m.—President Li Tsung-jen and Premier Ho Ying-chin left the airport at dawn on the last Government plane from Nanking.

6 a.m.—Mobs began looting the Presidential offices and the Garrison Headquarters and some Communist units began crossing the river. No police were on duty. All police stations were abandoned.

8 a.m.—A saw mill and women, girls and boys carrying their loot through the streets—furniture, shoes, rice and flour—with broad smiles on their faces.

9 a.m.—I witnessed the looting of the General Police Office. Many people on the streets were stunned when they went to bed.

## RADIO

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6.30 p.m.—Orchestra Favorites. . . .

7.00 p.m.—Hospital Request Half Hour. . . .

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Half Hour. (Studio)

8.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)

8.15 p.m.—Linda Carter Talks on Film. (Studio)

8.30 p.m.—"I Like What I Like" presented by John Rite. (Studio)

9.00 p.m.—From the Editorials. (London Relay)

9.10 p.m.—The Spirit of Anzac. (Studio)

9.40 p.m.—Concerto: Piano Concerto No. 1 in B-flat Major, Op. 23. (Tchaikovsky) Vladimir Horowitz (Piano) and NBC Symphony Orchestra. . . .

10.15 p.m.—"The River" An Australian Panorama. (BBC-TV). A Feature Programme produced in the Australian Broadcasting Commission by G. G. Brison. Narrator: Wilfred Thomas. . . .

11.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

## SUMMER TIME IN AMERICA

New York, April 23. New York, Washington, and most towns in the United States will advance their clocks one hour at 7.00 a.m. GMT tomorrow for five months of daylight saving, ending on September 25. Reuter.

## Conference Celebrates Nanking Fall

Prague, April 23. The "little peace congress" being held here broke into a wild 15-minute demonstration when the chairman announced that Chinese underground leaders had taken over Nanking. The report led the 44-man Chinese delegation to jump to its feet shouting and singing.

Other delegates, including the Russians, tossed one Chinese delegate to their shoulders and began parading. The congress broke into a chant: "Long live free China." — United Press.

## Objection To Presence Of Japanese

Geneva, April 23. China has protested against the presence of two Japanese observers at the 38-nation Red Cross Conference here.

The delegates are considering three revised conventions on treatment of prisoners and a new convention to protect civilians in war areas.

Japan is represented as an observer by two members of the American military government and by two Japanese experts.

The Chinese delegate, Dr. Wu Nan-ju asked conference to have the two Japanese withdrawn, and the credentials committee is considering the request.

Swiss Government officials said Japan was invited because she has a Government, while Germany has not. — United Press.

## Ship's Crew Charged

Wellington, April 23. Three more members of the crew of the Canadian ship *Tridale* were today charged with combining to disobey the lawful command of the ship's captain by refusing to take the ship from her berth.

Like 23 other crew members similarly charged yesterday, the three men were remanded on bail until Wednesday.

All striking seamen from the *Tridale* are required to report daily to the police. A crew spokesman said that this afternoon the electricity and water systems had been cut off from the crew's quarters of the *Tridale*, but the crew had been assured by several businessmen of assistance for the period of the strike. — Reuter.

## JEWS FLEE FROM HUNGARY

Vienna, April 23. Twelve hundred Jewish refugees from Hungary have arrived in Vienna after escaping via Czechoslovakia. Most of them are middle-class businessmen.

They said that their flight was organized by the Jewish Agency. The Hungarian-Czech frontier officials closed their eyes to the exodus, the refugees stated.

The group, who hope to leave for Israel soon, said that their reason for leaving Hungary was that business men have no place there now. — Reuter.

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## DUTCH TAKE OVER SLICE OF LAND FROM GERMANY

The Hague, April 23.

Holland's special Commissioner, Mr. A. Blauwboer, motored into the town of Elten, just east of Nijmegen, at noon today to "occupy" 75 square kilometres of former German territory.

Mr. Blauwboer who was escorted by customs men on bicycles, had been preceded an hour earlier by 50 armed Dutchmen, who moved into billets in the town of 3,600 people.

From the German Burgomaster, Baron von Lochner, he officially took over the territory, with 10,000 seemingly unwilling Germans, under a recent re-adjustment of the West German frontier by the Allies.

There was no public ceremony, no excitement, no welcome from the Germans. The only reported "demonstration" was by a half drunken young man, who was quickly pushed into a shop by some women.

The way for the occupation had been cleared early morning when, as most of the population involved still slept, Dutch and British officials planted boundary flags along the new frontier in bright Spring sunshine.

Colonel J.S. Collings and other officials of the British Control Commission in Germany were at Elten solely to introduce the Dutch and German authorities to each other.

## Some Sabotage

After Mr. Blauwboer had taken over, Colonel Collings commented: "This is the best occupation I have seen, and I have seen many."

The Dutch found a few isolated cases of sabotage—damage to houses, a few fruit trees cut down, some electric fittings removed, and minor fires. Otherwise, all was peaceful. Other wise, all was peaceful. Other wise, all was peaceful. Other wise, all was peaceful.

Tomorrow morning, the Dutch will get down to serious administrative work—currency changing, food supplies, communications, and so on. (It was officially announced here that the rate of exchange in the frontier areas will be 80 guilder cents to one mark. The Germans will have to hand in all their German currency to The Netherlands Bank.) — Reuter.

## SPAARK ARRIVES IN BERNE

Berne, April 23. Usually well-informed circles in Berne reported today that M. Paul Henri Spaak, the Belgian Prime Minister, has arrived in the Swiss capital.

No official confirmation can be obtained here of reports that King Leopold of the Belgians will meet the Regent, Prince Charles, M. Spaak and the Belgian Minister of Justice, at the Belgian Legation in Berne on Monday. Professor Jacques Pirenne, King Leopold's secretary, arrived in Geneva yesterday. — Reuter.

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## LITTLE CHANCE OF U.S. MILITARY HELP TO INDIA

Washington, April 23.  
Indications are that the United States will not be able to supply much, if any, military equipment for the Indian army within the near future even though the Indians are ready to pay cash for such supplies.

Production shortages in the lines in which the Indians are interested and the necessity to fill what are regarded as the more urgent European needs are the reasons for this.

## Red Army Plans For Invasion

New York, April 24.  
A Communist leader told a party meeting in 1946 that Russia's Red Army had 600,000 men who could invade the United States through Alaska, according to Charles Nicodemus, ex-Communist from Cumberland, Maryland.

He said he listened to talks by Albert Lannon, described as a Communist director of Maryland and the district of Columbia, in which Lannon conceded that he saw no prospect of an internal revolt in the United States without aid of the Red Army.

Nicodemus testified that he interrupted to ask how the Soviet Army could invade the United States. He said Lannon replied that Russia had 600,000 troops in Siberia and is building up its air force and building strips there.

He said that Lannon added: "Russia could invade Alaska and come down through Canada."—United Press.

## Realistic Touch To War Games

Nuremberg, April 23.  
A sultry-voiced "Lady Haw" is broadcasting to the American troops engaged in their Spring manoeuvres urging them to desert to the imaginary "aggressor" forces.

On the style of wartime broadcast by "Axis Sally," the girl announcer cooed over the American forces station at Bayreuth: "What are you going to get out of all this? Why die when living is so wonderful?"

The broadcaster, who identified herself as "Aggressor Aggie," invited the American troops to desert and come to a big party in a Bayreuth hotel with "plenty of wine, beautiful women and song."

It is expected that the six-day old manoeuvres will end tonight with the capture of the objective area at Grafenwohr.—Reuter.

However, this does not mean that the Indians cannot secure some of their military needs.

Nor does it mean that the Indian military mission headed by the Defence Secretary, H. M. Patel, due here on April 28, will not receive the cordial attention of high United States military officials.

On the contrary, the Indians will find the United States most sympathetic and interested in Indian plans for strengthening their defences.

The Indian mission, according to reliable diplomatic sources, is interested mainly in tanks and aircraft replacement parts but also would like to consider the purchase of some new equipment to replace obsolescent material secured from American army surplus.

It is considered here that their chances of getting aircraft replacement parts are better than their chance of getting other types of material, particularly tanks.

### To See Johnson

Appointments have been arranged for the Indian military mission, which also includes the Indian army Chief of Staff, Major-General Kailash Singh, and the air force chief, Air Vice-Marshal S. Mukherji, to see the United States Secretary of National Defence, Mr. Louis Johnson, and the Secretaries for War and Army.

The original itinerary of the group is being revised after the Indian Embassy informed American officials that the three-man Indian mission would like to separate and cover different routes in the United States in order to visit the widest possible territory during their fortnight stay in this country.—United Press.

### ROAD HOLD-UPS

Rome, April 24.  
Twenty armed bandits held up and robbed passengers in two motorcars and a bus, fought a running gun fight with police and then escaped, the Italian news agency, Ansa, reported today.

The agency said the hold-ups occurred yesterday near Nuoro. The bandits were searching 13 passengers in the bus when the police arrived. The bandits escaped with valuables and mail bags.—Reuter.

## Changes Behind The Iron Curtain

London, April 23.  
Latest Cabinet shuffles in Eastern Europe are regarded here as part of a general reorganisation of Iron Curtain governments on the pattern of the Soviet Union.

Three new organisations or cabinets to assume overall control.

Such a super-cabinet, to co-ordinate all economic and political state activities, has been created in Bulgaria.

It will consist, for the time being, of three members of the Communist Politburo—the Acting Prime Minister, Vasil Kolarov, the supreme propaganda chief, Valko Chervenkov, and the supreme police chief, Anton Yugov—as well as two non-Communist vice-premiers, the Agrarian, Georgi Traykov, and the left wing Socialist, Kimon Georgiev.—United Press.

The trend is for satellite governments to assume more and more responsibility for running their respective industries.

This means a steady increase in the number of ministers, secretaries and other high officials, and a growing need of super-

## World Peace Says Moscow

London, April 23.  
Moscow Radio said today there is not the slightest doubt that world peace will prevail.

The radio quoted as its source an article in the "Literary Gazette."—United Press.

## Death Of Briton In Hyderabad

Hyderabad, April 23.  
Mr. Laik Ali, former Prime Minister of Hyderabad State, told a Court Martial here today that he had given orders to detain Mr. F. H. Rouan, a British civilian killed in Hyderabad during last September's Indian military action.

The ex-Premier, now under house arrest, was giving evidence at the trial of a Hyderabad brigadier, Syed Habib Ahmed, for abetting the murder of Mr. Rouan.

Mr. Laik Ali said that Rouan was detained because he was reported to be "giving trouble." Later, he said, he read of Mr. Rouan's death in the newspapers.

Prosecution witnesses have alleged that Mr. Rouan was taken to Hyderabad from Karachi because the Hyderabad Government feared that he might go to Delhi and disclose what arms were being sent to Hyderabad.

An Indian cook Sergeant told the Court of alleged orders to "take away" Mr. Rouan "and shoot him."—Reuter.

## DRUGS RUSHED TO ORIENT

New York, April 23.  
A shipment of 17,000 vials of dihydro-streptomycin left New York today on board a Trans-World Airlines' plane in response to an urgent appeal from the authorities in Pakistan and India.

The drug is to be used for the treatment of tubercular patients in Government hospitals of the two Dominions, and will be unloaded at Karachi and Bombay.

Each vial contains one gramme of streptomycin, sufficient for four treatments.

Another shipment of 10,000 vials for Pakistan is being sent on Monday.—Reuter.

Berlin, April 23.  
To clear the bomb rubble still left in Berlin would take 73,000 people three years, according to A.D.N., the Soviet-licensed German news agency.—Reuter.

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# CONCRETE PROPOSALS ON INDIA'S STATUS TO BE MADE TODAY

London, April 23.

Concrete proposals to settle the problem of India's future association with the Commonwealth are expected to emerge when the Dominion Prime Ministers resume their historic conference on Monday.

Quarters close to several of the Commonwealth delegations declared tonight that the way is now open for the study of specific methods of surmounting the constitutional difficulty caused by India's decision to become a republic.

These quarters are much impressed by the warm desire of all the Dominions to contribute towards a solution which will retain India in the Commonwealth without prejudice to her national independence.

The conference has taken the expected line of development and the vital first plenary session has in no way tempered the optimism of observers as to the outcome.

The crux of the Dominion Prime Ministers' problem is the form which the future Commonwealth link will take.

India has made it clear that it would be inconsistent with her future as a republic to recognise the King in her new constitution but that she would recognise his status as the link in the larger sphere of Commonwealth relations.

This, some Commonwealth quarters suggest, might be possible by regarding the King as the symbol of association between the Commonwealth countries.

Some recognised basis of Commonwealth association, however tenuous legally, is necessary for the purposes of international law.

### Crown Link

It is suggested that a proposal on these lines would not interfere with the established traditions of other Dominions which wish to continue the present link with the Crown.

This Crown link is a fundamental aspect of their constitutions, and through it, the British

## The Fight Against Colour Bar

Johannesburg, April 24.  
The South African Indian Congress has sent a telegram to the Commonwealth Prime Ministers in London today, saying that millions are watching the final outcome of the "battle for freedom from colour oppression."

Whether India elects to remain within the Commonwealth or not, they said, it is important to remember that goodwill between sister nations can never be attained so long as citizens within the Commonwealth are graded on the basis of colour.

"Will the abolition of colour oppression come as gracefully as the British withdrawal from India, or will it require large sacrifices from the oppressed before it is finally unproved?" the telegram asked.

It is not only a question of a minority of 250,000 Indian nationals in South Africa; millions are watching the final outcome of the battle for freedom from colour oppression, it added.—Reuter.

## PAKISTAN BANS BRITISH BOOK

Karachi, April 23.  
The Pakistan Government has banned the entry of a British book entitled: "One Hundred Great Lives," published in London.

A picture of the Prophet Mohammed on the book's dust jacket was said by an authoritative source to be offensive to Pakistan's Moslem population.

There was also written matter about the Prophet which would offend, this source added. The order also forbids the entry of the book's wrappers and of newspapers containing extracts from the work.

Under Moslem law, it is forbidden to make or possess images of the Prophet.—Reuter.

## Prince Ali May Delay Wedding

Cannes, France, April 24.  
Prince Ali Khan has broken a bone in his left ankle, and as a result his wedding to Rita Hayworth may have to be postponed a month.

Friends said Ali was playing with his children at a party in his Riviera home on Saturday when the accident happened. At first the ankle was just bandaged and after doctors examined it, his whole left leg from the knee down was placed in a plaster cast.—Associated Press.

## Two Sets Of Siamese Twins

Hamburg, April 23.  
Two sets of Siamese twins were born in Germany today. One pair of perfectly-formed girls were born dead after an emergency operation at an Eisenach maternity home. The mother is alive.

The other case is reported from Dortmund, where twin girls, born alive, have only three hands and two legs between them.—Reuter.

## RUSSIA'S BERLIN APPROACH

New York, April 23.  
The "New York Times" Luke Success correspondent says that usually well-informed sources understand that M. Jacob Malik, Soviet representative to the United Nations, recently approached Dr. Philip C. Jessup on the possibility of raising the Soviet blockade of Berlin.

Dr. Jessup is a member of the United States delegation to the General Assembly.

The report says that the approach was made a few days before the opening of the Assembly's session on April 3.

The "Times" report said that since Dr. Jessup, who is handling the Berlin question for the State Department, has been in Washington, during most of the Assembly's session, it is assumed that if there had been any additional contacts they took place there.

M. Malik declined to comment last night and Dr. Jessup was not available.

The "Times" pointed out that Mr. Robert D. Murphy, State Department's expert on Germany, left Washington hurriedly by plane for Berlin to confer with General Lucius Clay, American Military Governor in Germany, British and French officials and German political leaders.—Reuter.

## DURBAN RIOT REPORT ECHO

Johannesburg, April 24.  
The South African Indian Congress, criticising the report of the Durban Riots Commission, said today that it had failed to lay down clearly the cause of the racial riots as Indians and Africans were not represented on the Commission.

The Congress said the Commission was "handcapped" because it is impossible to get the basic truth without the right of cross-examination. Both the South African Indian Congress and the African National Congress boycotted the Commission after its chairman had ruled that cross-examination of witnesses would not be allowed.

The Commission, which began its sittings in February, was composed of Europeans only.—Reuter.

## Australia Shaken By Red's Story

Melbourne, April 23.  
The purported inside story of Communist intrigue told by a recently resigned Victoria Party executive is rocking Australia with an impact similar to the Un-American Activities Committee revelations in the United States.

What was claimed to be the first real nationwide insight of the extent of Communist penetration into labour unions was told by Cecil Herbert Sharpley, 40, in a copyright series published by the "Melbourne Herald" and other newspapers which concluded today.

As a result of the expose, the conservative Victoria Government has appointed a Royal Commission to investigate Communism. One Union leader resigned when Sharpley said he was elected by fraud. Another leader he named has been suspended. Sharpley said that whilst world Communists set their eyes from Moscow radio, they get their daily instructions from a Bucharest fortnightly newspaper, "For a Lasting Peace, For a People's Democracy." This textbook of treason carries technical data on the world revolution.

Sharpley said he was a Communist member for 14 years and a member of the seven-man state executive for two years before he resigned on January 10.

He said his job was secretary of the industrial committee "which arranged fake elections at which the Communists had to 'win' and handled strikes—I was a paid worker."

Sharpley said that as a result of the report to the Sydney Party Congress last May by Lance Sharkey, general secretary on conferences with the Malayan and Indian Communists, "It became my conviction that our party played some important part in persuading a group of Indian Communists that Indian industrial development under the anti-Communist Nehru Government would ultimately be to the Communists' disadvantage and would be frustrated if the Nehru Government succeeded with its programme of centuries-overdue reforms."

"The same Congress urged the Malayan comrades to wage a revolutionary struggle against the British imperialist interests. It was not long before the Malayan Communist Party resorted to an open armed revolution."—United Press.



# CHENNAULT TO MAKE A PLEA FOR CHINA AID

New York, April 23.

The Scripps-Howard newspapers today reported that Major-General Claire L. Chennault is returning to the United States to make a final plea for American aid to the Nationalist forces opposing the Communist advance in China.

A Washington despatch said the veteran ex-leader of the Flying Tigers believes that it is not too late to give effective help to China.

## ISLAND CAMPAIGN FORECAST

Corpus Christi, Texas, April 23.

A Marine General predicted today that in the event of another war the United States will wage the greatest amphibious campaign in history against the islands ringing the Eurasian land mass.

In a speech prepared for delivery to the Reserve Officers Association, Major-General M. H. Silverthorn said: "For the present and foreseeable future the advance problem is and will be the amphibious problem in the event of war."

"Neither ships nor planes yet obtained can deliver powerful blows against an enemy while operating exclusively from bases on the American continent or from a base we can count on having in our possession."

"Since Eurasia is a vast land mass and a possible area of future operations, it has been suggested by many persons that the importance of amphibious warfare will be slight."

"The Eurasian coastline in eight times that of the United States and fairly ringed with islands every one of which might become a potential base of operations."

"This indicates that should another war be forced upon us there would exist more extensive scope for amphibious warfare than ever before in the military history of the United States."—United Press.

To prove the courage of his conviction he is willing to enter the fight himself if he gets the planes he wants.

General Chennault is expected to appear before a Congressional committee on behalf of the China aid programme. His views are in sharp conflict with those of Major-General David G. Barr, commander of the American military mission in Nanking, who testified that the Nationalists had lost no battles because of lack of military equipment.

The Communists invariably have superior artillery and machine gun fire, according to General Chennault, who said that when a Nationalist unit is beleaguered, the Communists plant their artillery on the ridges and hill slopes overlooking the city and calmly pound away until the place is taken.

"Even half a dozen planes could prevent that kind of artillery employment."

A small air force would do much to restore the morale of the Nationalist leaders and troops, in General Chennault's opinion.

### West China

"It should be equally depressing on the Communists," he added.

General Chennault is convinced that the Mohammedan provinces in China will prove a hard core of resistance to the Communist invasion.

Their leaders, General Ma Hung-jewel of Ninghsia and Ma Fu-feng of Chinghai, are highly regarded in Chinese military circles.

General Chennault believes that even if the Communists are able to penetrate along the Hankow-Canton railway to the South-east coast, they will still have determined opposition in the West. The Japanese occupied much more of China in 1941 than the Communists do today, he added.

Many people then said the situation was hopeless. But time proved them wrong, he said.

### "Can Be Done"

"Our help saved China then and can do it again," is his opinion.

"The Chinese are not asking for any of our jet planes or new bombers."

"A technical air force employed in this war in China against the Communist troops does not need modern planes. I would greatly prefer P-47's and Beaufighters."

"I liked the P-47 for its low altitude work better than the P-51 because it would take a lot more punishment and still fly home."—United Press.

## Robeson Turns To Politics

Oslo, April 23.

Paul Robeson, the baritone, said here today that his Scandinavian tour will be his last as a singer. In future he will travel the world to sing and speak to the workers. He talked to reporters here for an hour on politics and East-West relations.

He said that in Stockholm recently he had only sung a Russian song as an encore and made a short speech as he had done many times. He failed to understand what all the fuss was about.

Whistles and shouts from the audience almost drowned Robeson's voice when he sang a Russian anthem. It was reported from Stockholm. Some of the audience walked out.

Every ticket has been sold for Robeson's concert here tonight. His Norwegian impresario said that police will attend to ensure that the concert is not turned into a propaganda meeting.

Two concerts by Robeson in Denmark, commissioned for next week by the Danish Liberal newspaper "Politiken," have been cancelled.

Robeson had criticised the paper's support of the Atlantic Pact.—Reuter.

### AIR TALKS

New Delhi, April 23.

British and Australian delegations will arrive here late next month to negotiate with the Indian Government for bilateral air agreements.

The talks will continue unfinished negotiations with a British air delegation which was in India last June, and with an Australian delegation last August.—Reuter.

## Dearer Meals For Britons

London, April 23.

The price of meals in many London restaurants will go up next Monday to compensate for the Budget's increases in the cost of meat, butter, margarine and cheese, several of London's larger catering groups announced today.

The Catering Association of Great Britain is to approach the Ministry of Food to get the present price limit of 2s. 3d. for a meal in the cheaper restaurants raised to 2s. 6d.—Reuter.

## Stowaway Wed In Hampshire

Southampton, April 23.

An American seaman, who stowed away to Britain to marry his English fiancée, pleaded guilty here today to landing without a permit.

The magistrate discharged him under the Probation of Offenders Act.

The seaman was Carl Otto Christen, aged 23, of Astoria Avenue, Long Island, New York. He said that he and his Southampton fiancée were married two days ago. After the marriage, he reported to the United States consul.

A former naval rating, now in the American merchant marine, Christen was said to have first met his fiancée here in 1947. They decided to marry in March last year, but Christen had to leave with his ship before the wedding could take place. He had no money, so he stowed away in the liner American, reaching Southampton a month ago.

Discharging him, the Magistrate told Christen that it will be for the immigration authorities to deal with him in what way they think fit.—Reuter.

## Diplomats Honour Shakespeare

Stratford-on-Avon, April 23.

Diplomats from 30 nations walked in procession today with the children of Stratford to honour William Shakespeare, who was born here 385 years ago.

The traditional celebrations began at dawn with a peal of bells from the spire of Holy Trinity Church, where Shakespeare was baptised and where he is buried.

The diplomatic representatives later unfurled the flags of their nations in the broad main street of Shakespeare's home town. They carried a rosemary—"that's for remembrance"—in Ophelia's words—and wreaths of flowers or laurel.

In procession, which first stopped at the poet's birthplace, in Henley Street, they walked to his grave. Children, in their Sunday best, carried nosegays of wild flowers to place on the grave.

Today's ceremony took place under a grey sky, though for the past week, the Avon Valley had been basking in sunshine.

Meadows along the river were today a multi-coloured carpet of wild flowers—the pale primroses, bold oxlips and violets so often mentioned in Shakespeare's plays.—Reuter.

## INDIA PREPARING CASE AGAINST SOUTH AFRICANS

New York, April 23.

The Indian delegation to the United Nations General Assembly is busy giving final touches to the case it will unfold when its complaint against South Africa over the treatment of Indians in that country comes up before the Political Committee shortly.

Speaking in another Committee—that dealing with the church trials—on Friday, the South African delegate, Dr. Jan Jordan, said that the issue will come up next week.

The actual date, however, will depend on the progress made with the question of the Italian colonies, the debate on which so far appears to have only complicated an already difficult issue.

After the Italian colonies will come a reference to Spain and the attitude of the United Nations should adopt toward it. The next item on the agenda will be the Indian case.

Meanwhile, the delegations who are expected to support the Indian case have been studying the available literature on the actions and pronouncements of the South African Government since the issue was last debated.

The Indian delegation here do not know if Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit will take part, but there were rumours about it.

There is a certain amount of speculation here whether the presence of the Indian and South African Prime Ministers in London in connection with the Commonwealth Conference may have an eventual bearing on the trend of the South African debate.

### S. W. Africa

At the same time, reports have reached New York that details for the incorporation of South West Africa have been completed by the South African Government in spite of the General Assembly's resolution passed in Paris.

Delegation circles said that this action confirmed the fears expressed at the time that the South African Government are not responsive to world opinion. This being an adjourned session of the General Assembly, it is unlikely that the South African Government's defiance of the Assembly's resolution will be directly brought up.

Nevertheless, some States that took an active part in the debate in the Paris Assembly are considering whether and how the action of the South African Government should be brought to the attention of the Assembly at its September session.—Reuter.

## Filipino RAF Hero Honoured

Manila, April 24.

A military guard honoured a Filipino pilot who died serving in the British Royal Air Force in 1941.

The remains of Captain Isidro Paredes, one of the Philippines Congressmen Quilinta Parades, were returned from England on board the SS Antenor.

The Philippine flag flew at half mast as the ship, Air Force formed an honour guard.

Captain Paredes, a ferry pilot flying bombers from the United States to England, was killed in a crash on a Lancashire farm on November 7, 1941.—Associated Press.

## Work On Carrier Stopped

Washington, April 23.

Mr. Louis Johnson, United States Defence Secretary, today ordered the United States Navy to halt construction of its new giant 65,000-ton aircraft carrier.

The carrier's keel was laid last Monday at the Virginia yards of the Newport Shipbuilding Corporation.

Mr. Johnson, in a memorandum to the Navy Secretary, Mr. John L. Sullivan, said he had decided to stop the construction of the vessel after studying the views of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and conferring with President Truman.

The super-carrier was to have been named the United States. There had been considerable controversy between the Navy and the Air Force over plans to build the carrier.

The Air Force contended that the Navy was attempting to invade the field of strategic bombing by building a ship that could launch bombers almost as big as the B-29 Superfortresses.

The Navy has spent about \$8 million on preliminary engineering work for the carrier.—Reuter.

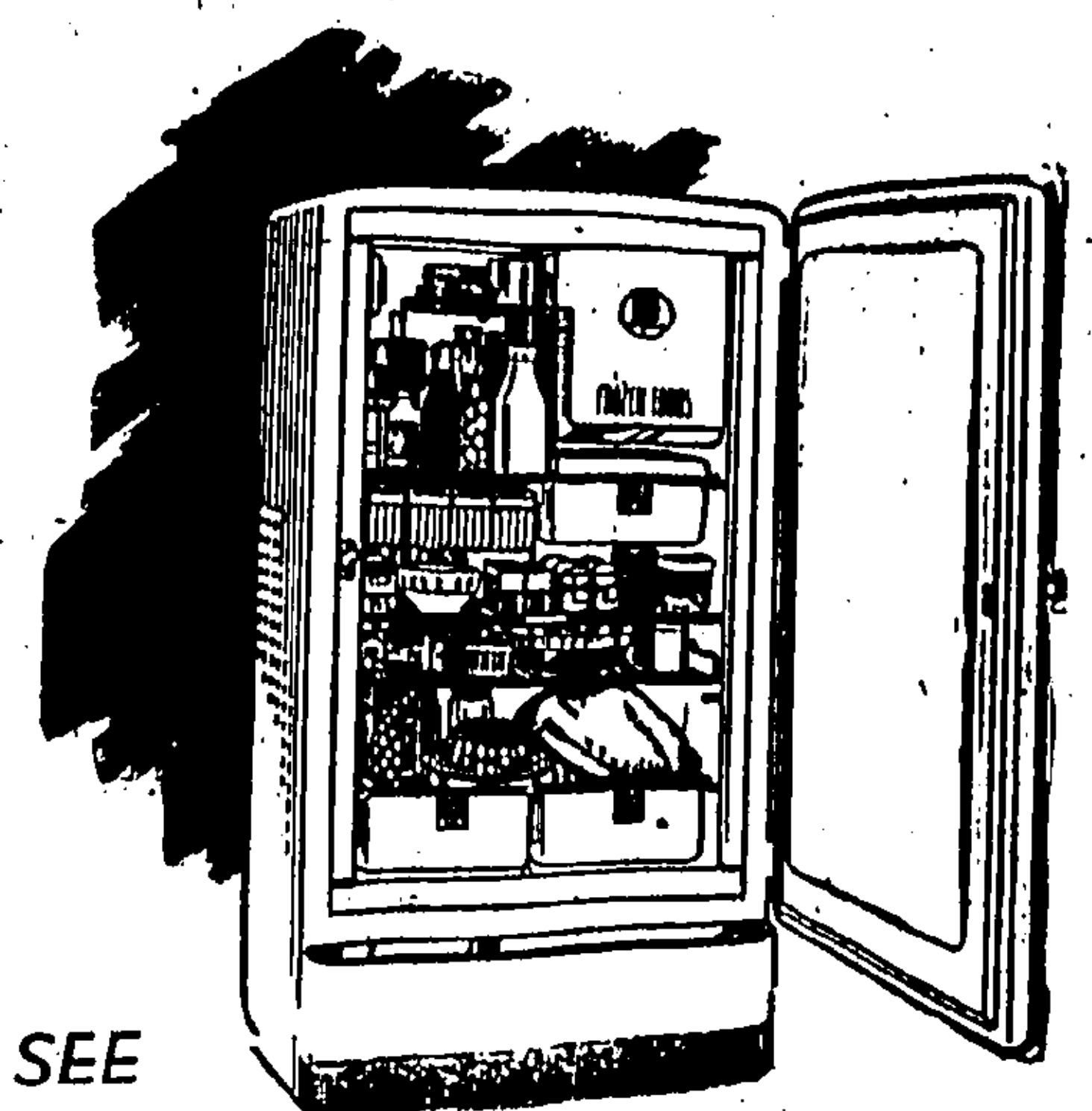
## Bombs To Be Dumped

Manila, April 24.

The Philippines Cabinet authorised the dumping of 33,000 war surplus aerial bombs into the sea to avoid a further hazard to life and property.

On the recommendation of the Secretary of Commerce Cornelio Balmaceda, the Cabinet decided to spend US\$30,000 to dispose of the remaining explosives at Baun Botangas, scene of several devastating explosions last year.

Mr. Balmaceda estimated the Government would realise only US\$7,000 more from sale of scrap metal and decided the risk was too great to finish the demilitarising job contracted by Philo Trading Company of Philadelphia.—Associated Press.



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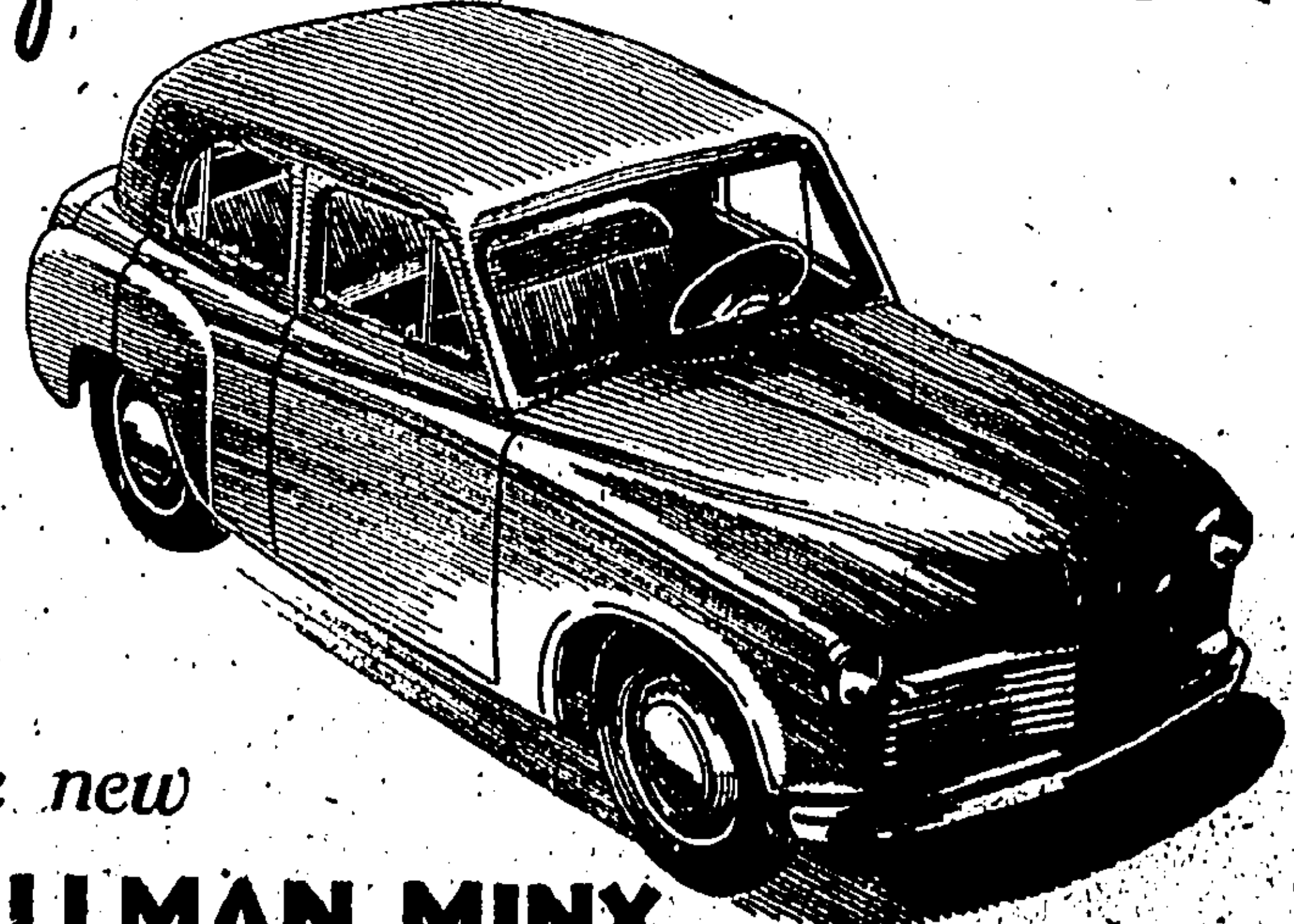
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## Hankow Awaiting Arrival Of Reds

Hankow, April 19. (delayed).

This once thriving Yangtze river-town waits the coming of the Communists, cloaked with resignation woven of 12 years of war. That Lin Piao's Communist Fourth Army, now 40 miles away, will soon be here seems certain.

## Wood Pulp Problems

Washington, April 23.

Problems of increasing wood pulp production will be discussed at a 24-nation Preparatory Conference, at which India will be represented, in Montreal from April 25 to May 4.

It will be the first such conference in this century. 20th Century industry-producer of the raw materials from which come such vital adjuncts, to modern living as paper, clothing and plastics.

The conference is being sponsored by the Food and Agricultural Organisation under the terms of a resolution which require this United Nations agency to help nations achieve higher standards of living.

The delegations will be composed mainly of executives from Government and industry, with technicians of forest products advising. Producing and consuming interests will be equally represented.

The countries which have indicated that they will be represented are: Australia, Austria, Britain, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, India, Italy, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States.

Observers will be sent by Argentina, Bolivia, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti and Turkey.—Reuter.

## Japs Want Trading With China

Tokyo, April 23.

The rapid advance of the Communist armies in China has fostered a growing belief here that immediate steps should be taken to set up trade relations between Japan and Communist China.

Japanese businessmen today point out that the nation's economic recovery depends to a large extent on finding outlets for Japanese products in the Orient.

It is generally known that General MacArthur supports a policy calling for mutual trade between the two countries.

One group of prominent Japanese—the "China-Japan" Trade Association—has announced plans to send representatives to China if they can get General MacArthur's permission.—United Press.

### SAAR CURRENCY

Paris, April 23.

The French Government today declared all German currencies in territories attached to the Saar to be withdrawn in favour of the franc.

Today's Gazette, announcing this, said the mark-f franc exchange rate will be fixed by M. Gilbert Grandval, French High Commissioner for the Saar.—Reuter.





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# EAST-WEST TALKS POSSIBLE IF BONN MEETING SUCCEEDS

London, April 23.  
Relations between the Soviet Union and the Western powers, which had appeared to be reaching the point where a resumption of four-power discussions on Germany was imminent, are now suspended pending a decision by the political parties of Western Germany on the drafting of a basic law for the Western Zones.

If a compromise can be reached between the Social Democrats and the Christian Democrats on the provisional Constitution of a West Germany State, most London observers believe that Moscow will make a move to re-open the four-power talks on Germany, even at the cost of calling off the Berlin blockade.

The motive, it is believed, would be to delay the establishment of a Government of Western Germany and to prevent the progress of the integration of a West German State into the pattern of a Western Europe solidly linked to the North Atlantic bloc.

For the moment, following the meeting last Tuesday at Hanover of the German Social Democrats, the task of retarding the creation of a West German State is still being performed by the Germans themselves.

There has been a corresponding lull in the accumulation of evidence that Russia is about to make more definite approaches to the three Western occupying powers for a renewal of the quadripartite talks.

In London, it is widely felt that the timing of the move from the three Military Governors to the Parliamentary Assembly at Bonn has contributed to the difficulty in reaching agreement on the basic law by the two main political parties. This was originally drafted in Washington by Mr. Dean Acheson, U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Secretary, and Mr. Robert Schuman, French Foreign Minister, on April 7 with the idea that it should be communicated to the Parliamentary Assembly without delay.

## The Circle Broken In Germany

Hanover, April 23.  
Dr. Kurt Schumacher, Chairman of the German Social Democrat Party, said in Bonn today that yesterday's Allied memorandum on the constitutional problem has broken the circle.

It will now be possible to create a practical Constitution, provided the Germans do not fail, he declared. "The new Allied memorandum is the first great success due to the decision and clear attitude of the Social Democrat Party at their conference on Wednesday in Hanover," Dr. Schumacher added.

(The memorandum is believed to state that the Western Allies have no intention of placing unreasonable restrictions on a West German Constitution and the basic law. It is designed to avoid further disputes among the German political parties on the draft Constitution.)

Political leaders forming the West German Constituent Assembly at Bonn have agreed to meet the United States, British and French Military Governors in Frankfurt on Monday as originally arranged.

Until the receipt of yesterday's conciliatory memorandum from the Western Military Governors, disagreement between the Social Democrats and Christian Democrats seemed likely to put off their meeting with the Governors.—Reuter.

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approach to the problem when  
the three Military Governors  
meet the West German Minis-  
ters-President on April 25.  
Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick, Permanent  
Under-Secretary of State in  
charge of German Affairs at the  
Foreign Office, will be in Ger-  
many and will probably attend  
this meeting. Although the im-  
mediate object of his visit is the  
discussion of coming administrative  
changes involving the establish-  
ment of civilian High Com-  
missions in the Western Zones of  
Germany, it is certain that he  
will take great interest in the  
solution of the present deadlock  
on the basic law.

Since the signature of the North  
Atlantic Pact and the conclusion  
of the Anglo-Franco-American  
agreement on Germany, the rapid  
settlement of the constitutional  
question in Western Germany has  
assumed a special importance.

Until it is settled, Western Ger-  
many must remain an unknown  
quantity in the heart of Western  
Europe.—Reuter.

## Russian Production Figures

Moscow, April 24.  
The Soviet Union increased  
industrial production 23 per  
cent in the first three months  
over the same period last year,  
the Central Statistical Bureau  
recorded yesterday.

No production figures were  
given.

The Bureau said the Govern-  
ment increased quotas for the  
period somewhat. It said five  
of 22 ministries failed to reach  
their production goal. They  
were the Ministry of Oil, which  
attained 89 per cent of the quota,  
the Ministry of Transport,  
Machinery, 95 per cent, Ministry  
of Timber and Paper, 98 per  
cent, Ministry of Fishing, 97  
per cent and Ministry of Indus-  
trial Cooperatives, 97 per cent.

Steel production increased 27  
per cent over the same period a  
year ago, coal 12 per cent, rail-  
way cars 50, trucks 48 per cent,  
tractors 81, synthetic rubber 48,  
and ball bearings 21 per cent.—  
Associated Press.

## Spy Suspect Nabbed By Canadians

Winnipeg, April 23.  
A former Soviet Army officer,  
said by a Canadian Govern-  
ment spokesman to be  
suspected of spying for Rus-  
sia, is under arrest here to-  
day.

A Federal Immigration De-  
tention Order identifies him  
as Dimitri Leschenko, who  
was arrested in Calgary last  
Wednesday. He is reported  
to have come to Canada 11  
months ago as an Estonian  
displaced person.

The order accuses him of  
entering Canada by "misre-  
presentation" and describes  
him as a person "who believes  
in or advocates the over-  
throw by force of the Gov-  
ernment of Canada."—Reu-  
ter.

## GERMANS FLEE FROM RUSSIANS

Lubeck, April 23.  
Ten German refugees, five men  
and five women, have arrived at  
Travemuende, near here, after an  
adventurous 18-day voyage from  
Kalininograd (formerly Koenigs-  
berg) in the Soviet Zone, on board  
a German fishing cutter.

Hilde Gerlach (29), who is now  
in a Lubeck hospital, said that  
she and the other refugees were  
to be deported to work in the Urals  
mines, but, disguised in Russian  
uniforms, they escaped on board  
the German fishing cutter, Kathar-  
ina.—Reuter.

# MUNICH BLOOD BATH BEING INVESTIGATED

Munich, April 23.  
The Munich police are delving 15 years into the past  
to seek the facts about Hitler's "Munich Blood  
Bath" on the night of June 30, 1934.  
They hope to reveal many of the behind-the-scene  
moves which made that date one of the most  
gruesome in the history of Germany, and gave  
it the name "The Night of the Long Knives."

Details of the hour-by-hour  
executions of scores of Hitler's  
alleged enemies and rivals in  
the cellars of Munich are still  
the subject of speculation.

The only known facts are these:  
After signs of discontent in the  
Brown Shirt Army, which was  
becoming "outdated" by the SS  
Blackshirts, Hitler's executioners  
suddenly swooped on its leaders  
on June 30 and dragged them  
away to the death cellars.

Hitler himself led several car-  
loads of his henchmen about the  
town, rounding up the victims. It  
has been said that he himself  
shot Captain Ernst Roehm, his  
former Chief of Staff, after  
Roehm had refused for two  
hours to commit suicide.

## Will Be Tried

Flesh and blood-spattered cel-  
lar walls afterwards gave tes-  
timony to the Blackshirt "shoot-  
ing parties"—when the targets  
were charcoal-marked circles  
over the hearts of the victims.  
What is not known is whether  
the Brown Shirts had planned  
on June 30 to kill Hitler and  
overthrow his regime—as the

Nazi propaganda machine after-  
wards alleged—or whether he  
wanted them out of the way  
merely because they were a  
thorn in his side.

This is what the Munich po-  
lice want to find out, according  
to the public prosecutor in a state-  
ment, quoted by DENA, the  
German news agency. They will  
centre their enquiries on the  
murder of Roehm, attempting to  
discover whether Hitler did kill  
him and, if not, the identity of  
his real executioners. If still  
alive, they will be brought to  
trial.—Reuter.

## GERMAN MOVE

Berlin, April 23.  
The formation of a 11-man  
Foreign Policy Commission with-  
in the Politburo of the (Com-  
munist-dominated German  
Socialist Unity Party (SED) was  
announced today by Party head-  
quarters.

The list of Commission mem-  
bers includes the Joint Party  
Chairman, Dr. Otto Grotewohl  
and Herr Wilhelm Pieck, as well  
as the Party's economic expert,  
Dr. Walter Ulbricht.—Reuter.

**POP**

**REPORTING—**  
A HIT'S RUN  
CAR!

**THIS GENTLEMAN**

**HAS THE  
NUMBER!**

**MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN**  
By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

I'LL LEND YOU THESE HORSES. THE  
TRAIL WILL TAKE YOU BACK  
TO TOWN AND THE AIRPORT.

WHEN YOU GET HOME, FORGET  
ALL ABOUT THIS! NO ONE'LL  
REMEMBER, CURIOUSITY  
KILLED THE  
CAT!

HEY! THAT GOES BACK INTO THE  
JUNGLE! YOU'RE GOING THE  
WRONG WAY!

IT'S THE RIGHT WAY FOR US!  
WE'RE NOT CATS, BUT WE'RE  
STILL CURIOUS! GOOD-BYE--

NEXT WEEK: SILENT VILLAGE

**RIP KIRBY**  
By ALEX RAYMOND

S.S. COLUMBIA, THREE HOURS  
OUT OF NEW YORK!

WOW! KIDNAP  
LET ME SEE IT.

LOOKING TIGHT ABOUT A  
MAJOR'S CONDON SPEAKING  
PLEASE ARRANGE HIS QUICK  
CLEARANCE. —REDDA VAN DOON

WELL, KIDNAP THE DE-  
MONSTRATION! I'VE GOT  
SOME INTERESTING NEWS ON  
APPROVAL.

WASHINGTON D.C.  
PHANE LOCATED BANDIT RING.  
PREPARED TO HOLD THREE SUSPECTS  
FOR INVESTIGATION —KIRBY

**JOHNNY HAZARD**  
By FRANK ROBBINS

EVER SINCE MY HUSBAND,  
CHRISTOPHER FROST, WAS KILLED  
ON AN EXPEDITION IN THESE  
MOUNTAINS, OUR SON, JACKIE,  
HAS BEEN PERSISTENTLY ILL...

SO YOU SENT  
MALLUK TO  
CHANGHAI FOR  
A DOC... AND HE  
TURNED UP  
WITH ME!

AND THAT'S THE LAST  
PIECE IN THE BAD PICTURE!  
YOU MUST FEEL PRETTY  
PROUD OF YOUR MALE  
PSYCHOLOGY, SIR! SEE  
HOW IT TRIPPED A MERE  
WOMAN INTO...

TELLING HER TALE  
OF WOE! I'M SORRY...  
BUT WHAT'S THE USE?  
THANKS FOR BEING SO  
KIND AND PAINLESS...  
BUT IT STILL ADDS UP  
TO ZERO!

ALL DEPENDS  
ON HOW YOU  
FIGURE IT, MRS.  
FROST... AND I'M  
BETTER AT MATH  
THAN MEDICINE!

**HONG KONG  
PICTORIAL  
AND  
POST CARD  
VIEWS  
OF HONG KONG  
OBTAINABLE AT  
CHINA MAIL  
OFFICES  
WINDSOR HOUSE**

**JANE**  
HOW DARE YOU TRY  
TO ROB ME OF MY  
RIGHTFUL INHERITANCE,  
YOU HUSSY!

I HAVEN'T  
THE PLEASURE—

MY DEAR  
HUM—

I'VE JUST RETURNED  
FROM THE STATES TO  
LEARN THAT THIS  
YOUNG GOLD DIGGER  
HAS GOT ROUND MY POOR  
DECEASED COUSIN TO  
LEAVE HER HIS SHARE  
FORTUNE—I  
SHALL DISPUTE  
THE WILL!

I FEAR YOU ARE TOO  
HUM, LADY AGATHA  
SOWER-PUSSE!—WE  
HAVE ALREADY  
BEEN GRANTED  
PROBATE...





Agents: CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

## SAILINGS TO

"TSINAN"	Swatow	4 p.m. 24th Apr.
"PRODUCE"	Bangkok	5 p.m. 25th Apr.
"ANHUI"	Amoy, Swatow, Hainan, Saigon, Singapore, Belawan & Penang	10 a.m. 26th Apr.
"PAKHOT"	Swatow & Fenchow	4 p.m. 26th Apr.
"TAUNAN"	Incheon & Tientsin	5 p.m. 26th Apr.
"TSINAN"	Shanghai	4 p.m. 28th Apr.
"SHENKING"	Takao, Yokohama & Kobe	5 p.m. 29th Apr.
"FOYANG"	Singapore, Macassar, Sourabaya & Batavia	8th May.

ARRIVALS FROM		
"FOYANG"	Bangkok	6 p.m. 25th Apr.
"PAKHOT"	Singapore & Saigon	25th Apr.
"TAUNAN"	Incheon & Tientsin	7 a.m. 26th Apr.
"SHENKING"	Shanghai & Keelung	7 a.m. 27th Apr.
"TSINAN"	Swatow	9 a.m. 27th Apr.
"FOYANG"	Borneo & Fenchow	29th Apr.
"SINKIANG"	Tientsin, Pusan & Shanghai	3rd May

## RIVER SERVICE

"FATSHAN"	Hongkong/Canton	ARR. Hongkong
	DEP. Hongkong	25th Apr.
	8 p.m. 25th Apr.	8:30 a.m. 27th Apr.
	9 p.m. 27th Apr.	10 a.m. 29th Apr.
"WUSUEH"	HK/MACAO	MACAO/HK
	DEP. H.K.	ARR. H.K.
	Mon. to Fri. 9 a.m.	Mon. to Fri. 6:45 p.m.
	Saturday 2 p.m.	Sunday 5:45 p.m.

Agents: BLUE FUNNEL LINE

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"ASTYANAX"	via Genoa, Marseilles & Glasgow	a.m. 25th Apr.
"CALIAS"	via Tangier, Casablanca & Havre	8th May
"AGAPENOR"	via Genoa, Marseilles & Glasgow	25th May

## Arrivals from

"ANTENOR"	U.K. via Straits & Manila	28th Apr.
"AGAPENOR"	U.K. via Straits	1st May
"CALIAS"	"	14th May
"AENEAS"	"	16th May

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"AGAMENNON"	from U.S.A. via Manila	24th Apr.
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## Sailings to

"CHANGTE"	Kure & Yokohama	noon 27th Apr.
"SHANSI"	Singapore, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne	4 p.m. 28th Apr.
"SOOCHOW"	Japan	23rd May

## Arrivals from

"SHANSI"	Singapore & Manila	In port
"CHANGTE"	Sydney & Brisbane	1st May
"SOOCHOW"	Australia & Manila	18th May

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## FINANCE AND COMMERCE

## SLOW PROGRESS IN EUROPEAN MEETING

London, April 23. The European Movement Conference, which entered its third day here today, is at the crossroads, according to M. Paul Van Zeeland, former Belgian Prime Minister.

After wrestling until the early hours of today on problems of drafting resolutions for debate at a plenary session tomorrow, Committee members re-assembled this morning to continue their work.

M. Van Zeeland told a Reuter's correspondent: "It has been perfectly obvious during all the sessions here that every delegate has taken his job very seriously and that each has realised that this conference has been one of the greatest steps forward for insuring peace and prosperity throughout the world."

"There have been many opposite views expressed with zeal and sincerity," he said. "When we came here nobody thought it was going to be an easy task. It has in fact proved to be even more difficult than was anticipated. Every-one has realised that if we are to succeed, we must succeed not only for the sake of the European masses but for the sake of the common man throughout the world."

"If equilibrium and prosperity are not restored in Europe, not only Europe will suffer but everyone in the world," M. Van Zeeland said.

He continued: "We have been led back to the one conclusion—the problems of economic, political and social life cannot be isolated and must be brought together in unity."

## Notice To Consignees

M/V "SHANSI" arrived at 21.4.49

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd's Godown No. 14 on the 26th and 27th April 1949, and consignees' representatives are requested to be present during the Survey.

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S/S "CHANGTE" arrived 22.4.49.

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## Notice To Consignees

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Hong Kong, April 23, 1949.

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## New York Stock Exchange

New York, April 24. The stock market pulled ahead on a broad front yesterday. Gains of fractions to a point or more appeared in almost every group. A few highs for the year were posted.

Volume ran around 340,000 shares. Richfield Oil was the most actively traded issue for the second successive day and again established a new high.

Richfield was up nearly two at one time, closing 38 1/4. Sinclair, second most active issue, gained 1/2 at 23 1/2. Richfield is a somewhat volatile stock, mainly because 60 per cent of its stock is owned by Sinclair Oil and Cities Service.

Of 674 issues traded, 304 advanced, 123 declined.

Dow Jones averages: 20 Industrials 173.70, 15 Rails 47.45, 10 Utilities 35.55.

Closing quotations:  
Adams Express 18 1/2, Alaska Juneau 3 1/2, American Can 22 1/2, American Smelting 40 1/2, American Telephone 14 1/2, American Tobacco 34 1/2, American Waterworks 8 1/2, Anaconda Copper 30, Aviation Corp. 4 1/2, Baldwin Locomotive 11 1/2, Barnard 48, Bendix Aviation 22 1/2, Bethlehem Steel 23 1/2, Borden Co. 40 1/2, Canadian Pacific 12 1/2, J.I. Case 22, Chrysler 50 1/2, Colgate 31 1/2, Commercial Solvents 15, Corn Products 33, Du Pont 18 1/2, Eastman Kodak 44 1/2, Electric Light & Power 22 1/2, General Electric 37 1/2, General Motors 57 1/2, Goodyear 4 1/2, Hummels Mining 41 1/2, International Harvester 24 1/2, International Paper 45 1/2, International Tel. & Tel. 10 1/2, John Manville 34 1/2, Kennecott Copper 43 1/2, Montgomery Ward 63 1/2, National Distillers 17 1/2, National Lead 23 1/2, New York Central 11 1/2, Packard Motors 4, Pan American Airways 9 1/2, Pennsylvania RR 15 1/2, Radio Corp. 12 1/2, Remington Rand 8 1/2, Republic Steel 22 1/2, Reynolds Tobacco 30 1/2, Schenley 25 1/2, Sears Roebuck 26 1/2, Shell Oil 35 1/2, Socony Vacuum 15 1/2, Southern Pacific 40 1/2, Standard Brands 17 1/2, Standard Oil of Calif. 63 1/2, Standard Oil of N.J. 67 1/2, Studebaker 18 1/2, Union Bag 26 1/2, Union Carbide 27 1/2, US Rubber 35 1/2, US Steel 71 1/2, US Lines 15 1/2, Westinghouse 22 1/2, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 64, General Public Utilities 13 1/2.—Associated Press.

## Effect Of New Yen Rate

Tokyo, April 23.

The textile industry is placed at the top of the list of enterprises in the export field hardest hit by the new single exchange rate for Japan, according to a survey made by the Commerce and Industry Ministry today.

The survey stressed that raw silk will be the heaviest sufferer, adding that the domestic market will have to be thrown open to silk producers.

In the import field the survey said staple foods will be the hardest hit.—United Press.

## European Rates Of Exchange

Minneapolis, April 23.

Mr. John Snyder, United States Secretary of Treasury, said today that if the European countries were to balance their payments with the United States, some of them may have to adjust their exchange rates before 1952.

He told a bankers' conference here that the United States expects that reasonable stability will be attained in Europe by 1952, barring some great international catastrophe.

The threat of Communist sabotage to the Marshall Plan is being met with the force of democratic power and determination.

Emphasizing that the greatest needs of the Marshall Plan countries are dollars and adequate export opportunities, Mr. Snyder added: "An increase in American tourists going abroad will help the situation, particularly for countries like the United Kingdom, Italy and France." —Reuter.

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"CARTAGE"	28th June	1st August
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"CANTON"	11th July
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"APAR Line"	due 15th May	from Calcutta via Straits
"TAIRA"	due 22nd May	for Japan & Amoy
"APAR Line"	due 25th May	from Calcutta via Straits
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SAILS FOR KOBE & YOKOHAMA	26th Apr.
M.V. TAMARA	18th May
M.V. OLUF MAERSK	27th May

## SAILINGS TO EUROPE

M.V. HALLAND	Loading	12th May
M.V. TAMARA	Early June	

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